

# Apostate Francis Chan Joins Heretic Mike Bickle's Blasphemous Ecumenical Religion

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1 Peter 3:15 says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

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presents  
Apostate Francis Chan Joins Heretic Mike Bickle's Blasphemous Ecumenical Religion

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Announcer. Here's the definition of apostasy from Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology.

(Hebrew mesubee; Greek parapipto, ahistemi, apostasia.)

Defection from faith, an act of unpardonable rebellion against God and his truth. The sin of apostasy results in the abandonment of Christian doctrine and conduct. With respect to the covenant relationship established through prior profession of faith (passive profession in the case of baptized infants), apostates place themselves under the curse and wrath of God as covenant-breakers, having entered into a state of and irrevocable condemnation. Those who apostatize are thus numbered among the reprobate. Since the resurrection of Christ, there is no distinction between blasphemy against Christ and the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (cf Matt 12:31-32; Heb 6:4-6; and 10:26-29; 1 John 5:16-17).

G. C. Berkouwer comments, "We must underscore the deep seriousness of the biblical warning against apostasy after enlightenment and after the knowledge of the truth. This is the apostasy which reviles the Spirit of grace and despises the Son of God, and crucifies the Man of Sorrows anew." Berkouwer is correct to refute the idea that this sin against the Holy Spirit is a *mysterium iniquitatis*, a mystery of sin, a sin difficult, if at all possible, to define precisely in the Bible.

Apostatizing from God's redemptive covenant is an act of unpardonable transgression and rebellion. All other sins are forgiven on true repentance and faith. Those who fall out of fellowship with the saints are restored to full communion through confession of sin and reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ. Excommunication as a final step in the process of ecclesiastical discipline, is undertaken in the hope of restoring the wayward sinner who has fallen into grievous sin (1 Cor 5:1-5).

Israel of old repeatedly broke covenant with God. By impugning the name and works of Yahweh, Israel despised her calling and proved to be a stubborn and disobedient nation. Pentateuchal law identifies covenantal faithlessness as apostasy (see, e.g., the curses of the covenant pronounced on Mount Ebal by the Israelites in Deut 27:9-26.) With respect to temporal blessing in the land of promise, restoration of Israel to divine favor after covenant breaking was always a consequence of divine grace and mercy, not because of meritorious works on Israel's part.

In biblical prophecy apostasy is an eschatological sign of the impending day of the Lord, a precursor of the final day of judgment. Ancient Israel's experience of divine wrath and displeasure served as typological foreshadowings of that latter day. The increase in apostasy in these last days of the church's wilderness experience is associated with the appearance of the "man of lawlessness," (2 Thess 2:1-3).

Larry Wessels. Now I want to segue into this video that we did called "Only fake Christians lose their salvation because they never had it to begin with." And it ties directly into 1 John 2:19.

What does it say in Hebrews 6:4? It says, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted the good word," and go on to verse 5, "and have tasted the good word of God and the power of the world to come," go on to verse 6, "if they shall fall away to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and have put him to an open shame." Well, how obvious can it get? If somebody falls away from the faith and crucifies the Lord of glory afresh and puts Christ to an open shame, in this case falling away or losing their salvation, it says right here in verse 4, "it is impossible to renew them in the faith." So there's no way you can be saved and lost, saved and lost. If you lose it, it's impossible to get it back again.

So the second position that people say you can be saved, lost, or whatever depending on how many works you do, so anyway, when you get these people that say you can lose your salvation based on the second position I'm outlining here, just keep in mind one of their own proof texts to say you can lose your salvation actually refutes one of their positions. Of course, we already know that this passage isn't really talking about real believers, it's talking about unbelievers, but you give them their premise that you can lose your salvation and Hebrews 6:4-6 proves that, well, if you grant them their premise here, then verse 4 through 6 say it's impossible to renew these people back to faith in Christ. Once they've blown it and lost their salvation, they can never get it back. They can go to 100 altar calls and it won't make any difference. This passage says it's impossible to renew them, and to say that you can be lost one day and be saved the next, then lost again, it's impossible the Scripture says.

So here the very passage these lose your salvation people would use refutes one of their positions in undeniable terminology. Once last thing I'd like to say about Hebrews 6:4-6 which is used by people who say you can lose your salvation is their whole argument is totally destroyed anyway based on Hebrews 6 because if you simply look down to verse 9, what does it say? In verse 9 it says, "But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." Well, voila, there you have it. Verse 9 shows the difference between these people mentioned in Hebrews 6:4-6 who are apostates and lost people, and true Christians who are separated and differentiated from these people in verse 9. Verse 9 saying, "But beloved," talking to true Christians, not false Christians or false professors as we have earlier in this chapter.

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Since this section of the video is talking about apostasy, I just wanted to let our viewers see some more famous apostates to give them an idea what apostates are.

First of all, is Pope Francis of the Roman Catholic Church. The whole Roman Catholic religions is an apostate religion. It's replaced the word of God mainly with their

unbiblical traditions, and to get more into this, see our video called, "Almost 50% of Roman Catholic priests are homosexuals according to Roman Catholic sources themselves." And besides that, check out our playlist on YouTube called "Dealing with Roman Catholicism, idolatry and the virgin Mary," which has almost 200 videos, at the time of this recording we're at 195 but we're closing in on the magic 200 videos against Roman Catholicism and why it's apostate and why it's unbiblical, and hopefully we'll be there pretty soon.

Next, another famous apostate is a former Christian called Bart D. Ehrman, and this information here is from the free encyclopedia, Wikipedia, and you can see there he graduated from Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College and so forth. Basically he's written a lot of books and has changed his ways. He's no longer a Christian and if you look down at the bottom of this page, the second paragraph, it says there, "He remained a liberal Christian for 15 years but later became an agnostic atheist after struggling with the philosophical problems of evil and suffering." So here's another apostate.

Okay, apostate 3 is Joshua Harris. He used to be a pastor. This information is coming again from Wikipedia, and we see here in the first paragraph under his name, "Joshua Eugene Harris, is an American author and former pastor. Harris' book 'I Kissed Dating Goodbye,' (1997), in which he laid out his ideas concerning a Biblically-based Christian approach to dating and relationships helped shape purity culture for many Christian millennials." And it talks of his pastorate and things of that nature. "Harris disavowed 'I Kissed Dating Goodbye' and discontinued its publication. The following year, Harris announced that he was separating from his wife," this is a quote from him, "undergone a massive shift in regard to my faith in Jesus," and stated he "was not a Christian." Of course, now he attends gay rallies and things of that nature.

Apostate #4 in this list is someone called Hank Hanegraaff, and we have a video on him which you should find most fascinating, "Hank Hanegraaff, Walter Martin's greedy Judas, the fake Bible Answer Man." If you check that video, you'll see that it pretty much lays out the facts why he has apostatized from the faith as well as joining the Eastern Orthodox Church which is very similar to the apostate Roman Catholic Church.

So there's just a list of four apostates. Now there could be multitudes more but I mention these guys just to show that Francis Chan is joining their team and as this video presentation on him continues, you'll find out many reasons why.

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Larry Wessels. Greetings and welcome one again to our program. I'm Larry Wessels, Director of Christian Answers of Austin, TX, Christian Debater, and I want to thank you for joining us today for our Christian Answers Presents program.

Now I have with me in studio one of my favorite guests of all time, almost going back 30 years, Rob Zins. Rob, great to have you here, brother.

Rob Zins. Thank you, Larry, good to be here with you again.

Larry. Yes, I always love it where you're here. So anyway, we're gonna do another show now. It isn't exactly what I was planning originally when we got here, but we're running looking at the clock, we're running rapidly out of studio time and so I said, well, we can't do what I really wanted to do which is going to be a long video, if we can do something quick and short, so that's what we're gonna do here. I did some research on this particular topic to go with the other material but since there's no time to get into all that, we'll just save it for another video session but we can do a little bit here while I've still got you here in studio and we're gonna cover a particular topic.

But before I mention that topic, I'd like you to just briefly mention to new viewers that we get, and we get them all the time, something about yourself, your background and so forth.

Rob. Thank you, Larry, it's good to be here again with you. For those of you who don't have a video that I have done near or handy, Larry has honored me with a number of video exposures in which we try to set forth the Bible and the truth of the Bible as opposed to any number of cults or any number of non-Christian religions.

One of the things that I have done in my life over the last, oh, probably 30 years, is explore and investigate and write and give conference and debate those who are involved in the Roman Catholic religion. I am a former Roman Catholic. I was raised in the Roman Catholic religion and when the Lord saved me out of that religion, it wasn't exactly that I came out of the Roman Catholic religion as a staunch supporter of Roman Catholicism or even a faithful attender to the Mass, it was more or less that I was agnostic and I had left the Roman Catholic religion after high school and didn't pick it up even in college, but it was always the fall-back position. Anytime somebody would talk to me about religion I would say, "Oh, I'm a Roman Catholic," and that sort of settled the question for me. But the hounds of heaven were set loose and the Lord had other ideas and there came a point in time where I was confronted with the truth of his word and by his grace and mercy, my heart was opened to the truth of the Scriptures and the real Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And my burden was initially for my family, all of them had been involved in the Roman Catholic religion one way or another, and extended family and even some friends, so I wanted to share the Bible truth with them, and initially I felt I could actually show them the value of the Roman Catholic religion by showing them where it was found in Scripture. But much to my dismay, I could not find even one of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic religion. When I say doctrines, I mean the sacramental system and various other doctrines and dogmas of the Roman Catholic religion such as Marian worship or the place of the Pope in Rome and such as the entire view of history that Roman Catholics share insofar as their religion is concerned. I just couldn't find it in Scripture so I ended up writing a letter to each member of my family and explained to them the Gospel from the Bible the best I could as a new believer and bypassed the Roman Catholic religion, but it always bothered me that I was raised in a religion that

maintained it was in fact a Christian religion but I had no attachment to it from the Scripture and I couldn't attach the Bible to it.

So after graduating from seminary, I spent some time in the pastoral ministry but ultimately...

Larry. What seminary?

Rob. I went to Dallas Theological Seminary, graduated with a Master of Theology Major in Historical Theology. I wrote my thesis on justification and in writing that thesis, I came face-to-face with the issues of the great Protestant Reformation. Ultimately I was moved to get involve in a witness to Roman Catholics writing about the religion of Rome and ultimately I was invited to debate a Roman Catholic scholar on campus, the University of Toledo in Ohio, and we debated the issue justification, how exactly does God justify the ungodly, and that was sort of the beginning of my work of having an apologetics ministry to the Roman Catholic religion. And since that time, I've written two books on the subject and debated Roman Catholic scholars from one end of the country to the other, even overseas in a number of places.

So my burden is the truth of God's word and I believe the Bible is God's only word and I believe the only Gospel that God gave to mankind is safely found in the Bible, and I found that Rome has many other sources of authority, many other ideas about their Gospel and they just don't fit. So ultimately I had to get onboard with the idea that Roman Catholics are involved in a religion and they are not involved with Scripture, so over the years I've spent a great deal of time both in debating and writing and conferencing trying to explain the difference between the Roman Catholic religion and their principles of conduct and their dogma and their belief system, and contrast that which is found in Scripture.

And sometimes that gets into heated discussions. I remember I had a debate in New Hampshire once and it was in a monastery in New Hampshire and a number of people from my home church came over, we were pastoring a church in Vermont at the time, and maybe 10-15 of us went over there and the whole house was filled with Roman Catholic priests and Roman Catholic nuns and they had brought in a speaker from New York City, and the first thing he said when he stood up was, "Ladies and gentlemen, today we have a bona fide heretic and he's sitting right next to me to my right. He claims to be a Bible man but in reality he's a heretic and I intend to prove that." And everybody nodded and everybody thought that was just a grand opening statement, so I said to myself, "There's no point in trying to get on the good side of this guy, let's just quote Scripture," and that's what I did for three hours, and afterwards I can assure you, Larry, I can assure you if this had been the 16<sup>th</sup> century or the 17<sup>th</sup> century...

Larry. Burned at the stake.

Rob. ...I would have been hung from the rafters right there. They were convinced I was a total 100% heretic. And most Roman Catholics who are serious with their religion would

probably agree with them, but I found over the years that there are many Roman Catholics who don't have a clue about their own religion which you truly are supposed to believe, supposed to be doing, what the Vatican really teaches, and they certainly don't have a clue about the Bible.

So with over 2 billion Roman Catholics worldwide, it's a rich field for evangelism and it's also a worthwhile, I think, effort to try to protect the Gospel from the Roman Catholic religion as well as from the ecumaniacs, I call them, all those who want to see one world religion based upon unity and if you can talk to them and say Jesus, you're a Christian, it doesn't matter, and this kind of ecumenism is based on nothing but false hope, false ideas. Our unity is based upon the truth of God's word and all Christians know that, not upon some sort of false unity with the ecumaniac crowd.

So I'm glad to be here.

Larry. Yes, thanks for that.

Rob. What have we got going today?

Larry. Interesting, interesting opening because you mentioned about that debate with this room full of Roman Catholic priests and nuns, I'd never heard that story before so I'm sitting here knowing you for almost 30 years of doing this stuff and I hadn't heard that one and I'm going, "Oh, that's kind of cool," you know?

Rob. It was a wild ride in New Hampshire.

Larry. That's right. Well, we're gonna talk about one of these ecumaniacs, as you mentioned. We don't have a whole lot of time so we're gonna keep this brief. I was originally gonna put this material we're gonna go over briefly in one of our series shows. Now we've already done six videos in our series on the blasphemous Pentecostal and Charismatic mayhem situation. We've already done part 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. In fact, as I mentioned and our viewers at home can see, you know, the screen shots of each of those videos for the viewer at home.

So I was thinking about doing number 7 today but there's no time for that. I've got too much material so we'll save it for another day but I did put this kind of material together to add with that and it covers this guy named Francis Chan, and the people at home are seeing a picture of him with another famous, now this guy's a real heretic unlike you in that debate, Benny Hinn. Now we've done a lot, I've done a lot of videos with these dudes like Benny Hinn. Now never have I even talked about Francis Chan before. The people at home are looking at pictures of Francis Chan at different places. In fact, here's one picture of Francis Chan with Mike Bickle, and now in episode 6, we covered the New Apostolic Reformation prophets where, you know, for a fee, an amount of money, you can become a prophet or you could become an apostle, you know, and depending on where you live and how much you have to pay so you can have those titles and you had some really fascinating things to say about that in episode 6.

Video clip.

Larry. Well, basically it comes down to the fact that these guys have a different god.

Rob. Yeah, it is a different god.

Larry. It's not the same god as the Bible so whatever it is they're worshipping, it's definitely not the biblical God.

Rob. Yeah, I mean, when you frame God in your mind, you either see him as a weak, impotent, wannabe king of the universe but can't accomplish his will because big bad man keeps getting in the way and God has like sworn that he will not interfere with big bad man because big bad man has to have his way otherwise there can be no possibility of anything being fair. This is the way the Arminians and the Pelagians treat it. But the Scripture will have none of it. Scripture says God has mercy, he has his elect, he does what he wants with his universe, and you have nothing to say. We are to shut up and worship God and we can't know him intimately or ultimately, we cannot know God. It's impossible. He is God and we are human. We are the creation, he is the Creator. There's a vast gap that will eternally separate us from God.

Larry. Well, when you say you can't know God, now we can know God through his Spirit in that sense, but....

Rob. In that sense.

Larry. ...but in the sense you're talking about, about not knowing God, you're talking about every little...we'd have to be infinite ourselves.

Rob. We'd have to share his incommunicable attributes. We'd have to be omniscient. We'd have to be omnipresent. We'd have to be omnipotent.

Larry. To understand him like you're talking about.

Rob. To understand him, yeah. We can't possibly possibly know God as God knows God.

Larry. The Psalmist even said what you said, "These are beyond my, you know, they're too wonderful for me." You know, even the Psalmist said that.

Rob. Yeah. Paul says we have the mind of Christ and that's very true in the sense that we are directed and driven by the Spirit of God inside of us, he's made the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, and we do have the mind of Christ in the sense of knowing right from wrong and knowing God's prescriptive will for us here on earth. He has taught us how we are to live. He has explained to us who we are, who he is, but get this, the same author who says we have the mind of Christ writes in Romans 11, "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became his counselor, or who has first given to him that it might be paid back to him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the



glory forever. Amen." Okay, before that the Apostle Paul says these words, "The depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and unfathomable his ways!" He needs my power?

Larry. It's sort of like when God's talking to Job, "Where were you when I set the Pleiades, you know, and all these things?"

Rob. "When I hung the morning star." Okay, so the modern apostle is saying God ran out of power, then we've got to build him up again. It's blasphemy. It is blasphemy.

Larry. Exactly and a different god, and a different Gospel, and a different Jesus, and a different spirit. It's all those things.

John MacArthur's book "Strange Fire, the danger of offending the Holy Spirit with counterfeit worship." It's a great book. You may not agree with everything in it but overall it's a well documented book.

Rob. It is.

Larry. And you'll reap great spiritual benefit in this modern crazy age we find ourselves with these antichrist apostles and prophets that claim to be of Christ when really they're not. But he brings up an interesting point here on page 87 and 88. You can see it there on your screen. I want to bring this in and then I'm gonna ask Rob a very pertinent question in relationship to what he just said about angels bowling and all that stuff, rather than page 88 or 89 just to lead into this.

As the viewers are looking at this page from John MacArthur's book, see down near the bottom of the page it says, "In the year 2000, Wagner," this is C. Peter Wagner, "began to lead the newly formed International Coalition of Apostles as the 'Presiding Apostle,' a position he held until 2009 when his title changed to 'Presiding Apostle Emeritus.' According to Pentecostal historian Vinson Syman, when the coalition started, 'new apostles could join and pay \$69 a month as membership fees.' Syman himself was invited by Wagner to join but later declined. As Syman explains, 'I didn't consider myself to be an apostle and I wrote him that at \$69 month I could not afford to be an apostle.' Membership rates at the end of 2012 varied slightly depending on apostle's nation of residency. The base fee was \$350 for international apostles. The fee for apostles living in North America began at \$450 per year or \$650 for married apostles, meaning apparently a husband and wife team who both considered themselves apostles. Native Americans, First Nation Apostles could join for the same fee as an international apostle."

But basically the bottom line here is that, you know, he had a \$69 an apostle, as you can see at the top of the screen, base fee \$350 for international and so forth, \$450 if you're North American and so forth, if you're a Native American Indian, you get the international rate. And Brother Rob, you had just mentioned earlier about the angel, you know, if you were an apostle like these other guys, you would have it as angels not God with his rumbling stomach because he's hungry.

Rob. Right. Absolutely.

Larry. But now, see, now here's your chance because if you want to be an apostle like these other guys but you live in North America, I think you're from North Carolina...

Rob. Right.

Larry. ...you would have to pay \$450 to be an apostle, so the question is: will you pay that \$450 so you can say that it's really the angels bowling instead of God's stomach?

Rob. Well now, that's an interesting proposition. I'd have to read the fine print of the contract.

Larry. Ah, that's a good point. Now that's a mistake a lot of people forget.

Rob. What kind of prophet I can be and I want to know how many people are expected to follow me because, after all, I've got to recoup the expenditure someplace and the best place to recoup it would be the benefit that I give to the folks who would follow me as a prophet. So if they can guarantee that I can get this back in contributions for all the good work I'm going to do as a prophet, then I think it would be a good investment. In fact, it would be pretty cheap. I think I could double my money.

Larry. In fact, that's actually not a prophet, come to think of it, it's an apostle. So you're even better than a prophet.

Rob. It's cheap. I'll buy it. I'm ready.

Larry. That way you can start adding to that book that's sitting on your lap.

Rob. I can have a following and followers need to be blessed by God and what's the best way?

Larry. Have an apostle create Scripture.

Rob. And to give your apostle the money.

Larry. That's right, that way they're really paying the \$450 membership fee rather than you.

Rob. Are you telling me that these people who gave money to the Apostle Paul weren't blessed? If I'm an apostle, they're gonna get blessed when they give their money to me. So I think it's cheap.

Larry. Now I think of Acts 8 when we're having this discussion and I'm thinking of another guy that wanted to do the same thing. I'm thinking of Simon Magus in Acts 8.

He'd seen what the apostles were doing, they're laying their hands, the power of the Holy Spirit, you know, people being healed, all this stuff, and he's saying, "Man, I want some of that too!"

Rob. Right.

Larry. And so he goes up to Peter, remember that?

Rob. Yeah.

Larry. Say, "Hey, you know, how much money can I give you to get this power also?" Acts 8. Now do you remember what Peter said to him when he tried to give Peter money to become, have the power like an apostle?

Rob. Didn't he say, "You're a little bit before your time, that's coming down and I don't want to be pushed"? [laughter]

Larry. I don't think he said that.

Rob. "You're a little bit ahead of things, Simon. It's coming but don't push."

Let's see what the Bible has to say about this idea of selling certificates of apostleships and the presumably power that goes with it. In Acts 8 we have an account of the true apostles down in Samaria preaching the word of God and they were laying hands on those who had received the word of God that they might receive the Holy Spirit and we read in verse 17, "Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, 'Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' But Peter said to him, 'May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.'"

Well, it doesn't take much to take this passage and apply it to what's going on when an organization sets up a certificate of apostleship and has the nerve to try to sell the gift of God to others for money. This is precisely what Simon wanted to buy. He wanted to buy the gift of God for money and Peter Wagner and his ilk have set up an organization whereby they're gonna sell the gift of God for money and I say the same thing applies to them, "repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." It's primarily the bondage of iniquity. Your motives cannot be for anything but the almighty dollar that you're worshiping at this point and you're a false prophet and what you are doing is absolutely abhorrent to any sensible Christian and it's blasphemous to the Holy Spirit, and it is condemned by God as you

shall be if you continue on these kinds of courses and anybody who follows you. Larry, I just can't imagine buying an apostleship.

Larry. Well, you just heard it for yourself and it's all documented in John MacArthur's book.

Here we are on another page. We've got an apostle/prophet named Bill Yount and he's gonna prophesy, one of these Charismatic Pentecostal guys, and he says, "I heard the Father say...I am beginning to prophesy through commercials, candy and clothing, especially over the holidays. I sense the Father saying, 'I will begin to meddle in the candy industry.' I sense the Lord is going to begin to name some new candy bars. When these are named they will release a prophetic anointing every time the name of the candy is mentioned. These names will have power to call forth life and salvation. I am sure this prophetic candy is bound to have a heavenly taste to it that will be out of this world! People will end up tasting and seeing that the Lord is good! I saw angels anointing candy bar wrappers like God anointing prayer cloths of the Apostle Paul. Names on popular candy wrappers will speak prophetically to whomever reads or speaks their names. Candy wrappers will become like anointed prayer cloths throughout the land."

In the same prophecy, Yount said that Levi's jeans were going to receive prophetic anointing to call forth the spiritual Levites of this hour and that Wrangler clothing would be anointed to tame the tongue and give people the tongue of the learned to speak a word to those who are weary. Yount ends this word with a statement, "Earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

So Rob, what we have here is and he starts out this prophecy from this Charismatic apostle or prophet of the New Reformation, he starts it out with, "I heard the Father say," so he's giving all this as it's coming from God the Father. So what do you think about anointed candy bars and jeans?

Rob. I think that these guys are making the prophets of Jeremiah 23 look really good, really good at this point. I mean, as bad as these guys were in the Old Testament, they couldn't hold a candle to this garbage, okay? And what can we say, Larry? We can repeat the word over and over and over again, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; They speak a vision of their own imagination, Not from the mouth of the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a dream, I had a dream!'" Candy bars, et al. "How long? Is there anything in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even these prophets of the deception of their own heart, who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?"

That kind of trash only causes people to forget and in our day and age, to mock the one and only true God and the one and only true Christian faith. So the sooner that these guys are destroyed from the face of the earth, die off, run off, get run off, whatever is going to happen to them, the better off Christianity will be. We can only feel sorry for them and

pray for them that our sovereign God would give them eyes to see and ears to hear. It is a sad tale. It is a sad tale.

Larry. Oh yes, but like I say, they're doing it for power, money and things of that... That's their god. When it comes to these Charismatic prophets, when you think about it, the god they serve is not the true biblical God. Their god is filthy lucre. That's basically what it comes down to. These guys, it's a different religion. It's like Mormonism. It's like Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science.

Rob. And they make it up as they go.

Larry. That's right. That's right, in fact, a great...and it ties back into what you were just saying here about how you felt sorry for all these people that are falling into this trap, this satanic trap, and in Ezekiel, you can see it on your screen here, Ezekiel 13:6 and following it says, "They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD." And the key verse that brought this to memory while you were saying that is verse 10 in Ezekiel 14, Ezekiel 14:10 says, "And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him."

So it's just like you were saying....

Rob. They and their followers.

Larry. The followers, the false prophet's gonna be destroyed basically like you were saying, by God in the end, and the curses on them are incredible. I'd hate to be in their shoes on judgment day. But then those who followed after them are gonna suffer the same fate.

Rob. The blind leading the blind and they both fall into the pit.

Larry. That's right. That's right.

End of video clip.

Larry. Which is on YouTube and you can check into that because we go through a lot of the big guns in that particular movement, but there you can see Francis Chan with Mike Bickle who's an absolute heretic. These are the real heretics, not like you were being accused of being one in that debate with that Roman Catholic apologist.

So as I get ready to go into this, I wanted to mention that if anyone is out there and they want a free newsletter, here's a newsletter we've done called "The Agony of Deceit," and it covers a lot of the people like Benny Hinn and Kenneth Copeland and a lot of the people we've covered in that six part series so far. When we get around to part 7, we'll be covering a lot of the ones that we haven't got around to yet to help because it seems to be, I mean, this is just engulfing large numbers of people who claim to be Christians with these phony Charismatic and Pentecostal heretics. But this newsletter is available and free of charge. All you do is email us at [cdebater@aol.com](mailto:cdebater@aol.com) and either give your address and we can mail you a copy, or if you send your email in, I can attach this entire newsletter in an attachment to an email back to you. So either way you'll get that and any other newsletters that we have available. Of course, most of them are available on our website, in fact all of them are: [www.biblequery.org](http://www.biblequery.org). All you have to do there, you get on our homepage of our website, biblequery.org, and to the upper lefthand corner is a little icon and you click on that and it opens up a menu and then you have several things you can choose from of these newsletters. You can go there and then you can open up any of our newsletters we've done in the past and I think there's a function there where you can actually print those out to you. Or you can get them free from my mail from me, but if you send your mailing address. Just email [cdebater@aol.com](mailto:cdebater@aol.com).

Okay, with all that said and you've been looking at pictures of this Francis Chan here, what got my attention is I get a quarterly journal here which I've been getting since the early 1980s. It's a good Evangelical publication, sound Christian theology and stuff, and they kind of keep me updated on what's going on in the world out there and what's going on in what's called so-called Christianity. And you know, as you look at this news update, now this is the latest issue, this is from July/September 2019 at the time we're filming this, but you have news stories on here like for instance on page 2 you've got Christian Zionism 101, it gives you information about that. And over here on page 3, you've got "Mormons allow baptisms for children of LGBT parents," you know, homosexual parents and stuff like that. And this McDonald guy getting fired by his church he founded.

But what caught my attention was here down at the bottom, "Chan says he's not Moses." And it says as you're reading it there, "Francis Chan, the nationally recognized author and speaker who has attracted criticism for a variety of questionable teachings and associations is now rebuking 'Christians who rely on his teachings for divine insight.' According to Charisma," that's a magazine, "Chan told conference goers at an Orlando gathering, 'I'm not your Moses.' The magazine stated that Chan said he is used to being treated like Moses but apparently a divine revelation has changed that. At the conference, Chan said, 'And the Lord revealed something to me tonight just a couple of hours ago. He said, "Francis, you're not supposed to be Moses. You're not supposed to go up on the mountaintop and have everyone go.'" What did he say? Charisma reported in its April edition. Over the past several years, Chan has aligned himself with those within the New Apostolic Reformation," now that's what Rob and me just covered in episode 6 of our mayhem series on the Pentecostals and Charismatics, "including modern-day prophet Mike Bickle, and has authored 'Crazy Love,' which underscores the social gospel message."

Now before I continue, Rob, for people who don't know, what is the social gospel in contrast to the biblical Gospel?

Rob. Well, I think the social gospel, as I understand it and I'm not sure it's clearly defined by anyone in particular, but as I understand it, is a gospel that emphasis is placed upon the well-being of society and maintaining the well-being of society through good works and through social programs. In other words, the idea almost goes back to the old social gospel of the 1800s when the emphasis was upon improving mankind through social means while at the same time appealing to governments to spend more time and attention improving the state of mankind, and then all of this social gospel and stuff, the real Gospel is lost.

Larry. Yes.

Rob. There's no cutting edge. There's no mention of sin, of depravity, no mention of need for redemption.

Larry. In other words, the social gospel would be very ecumenical. It just kind of, everybody likes to help the poor and the little old lady across the street.

Rob. Yes, you would call it ecumenical in the sense that, for instance, the Roman Catholic religion is very strong to protect private schools, not so much public schools because Roman Catholics have a private school system nationally. So to protect private schools sounds like a good idea, so you call up a few pastors in a city and you say, "We're just gonna have a little march here and we're gonna march for the right to private schools." And then you get a group together and say, "Well, let's just have a circle here and let's pray together." And so you have the Protestant pastors and Baptist pastors and so forth and so on pray with Roman Catholic priests.

Larry. It sounds like the March for Jesus and it's just all these religions all slapped together.

Rob. And the idea is improving mankind and protecting things that are sometimes very good. The Right to Life movement has done a great deal to keep our nation on edge insofar as determination of infants in the womb and I think it's a good thing, but it fails when it comes to the Gospel. There is no Gospel in the Right to Life...the Gospel is the right to life.

Larry. It's set for the here and now not for eternity.

Rob. Right.

Larry. So you do good works here but you still go to hell in the end. It doesn't do you much good for eternity. Maybe it'll help somebody temporarily in this life but this whole

world, the Bible says, is passing away and we're gonna have to face a whole new reality on the other side.

Now we're down to about 10 minutes, so we've got to hurry along.

Rob. When you approach the biblical Gospels, the cutting-edge of the biblical Gospel, with the social Gospel, all you're doing is saying what do we all agree on and what can we all protest against?

Larry. So they don't cut each other's throat and fight among each other, they try to just make it simple and watered down.

Rob. And if that's what your church is involved in, if that's your goal like Little League baseball or more recreation centers for the impoverished, or clearing the streets of homeless people by having more shelters, if that's the focus, you've lost your Gospel.

Larry. It's not going to save anybody from the wrath of God or hell, the salvation through Jesus Christ, because you're not even really talking about him or the importance of it. We've got to clear the streets of this trash, that's more important. You know, stuff like that. Okay, we got that clarified but I'll be pressing a little bit because of our time limitations. That's why we're doing this show by itself just to make it in time.

People at home can see this article. I picked this up off the internet. Anybody can go to this, it's called "The fall of Francis Chan and why he should be avoided." So if you want to read this for yourself on the internet, just type that in the Yahoo or Google search box and you should be able to bring it up easily. And it was posted by Jeff Maples, February 24, 2019, and I'll just start reading this briefly just to get this information out. It says,

"You may wonder why I believe Francis Chan has fallen and needs to be avoided. Isn't he orthodox? Doesn't he preach the true gospel? Isn't he, well, doctrinally sound?"

"Well, Chan is a graduate of both John MacArthur's Master's University and Seminary, an unusually solid, seminary that teaches rightly on such important doctrines as the sovereignty of God, the inerrancy of Scripture, and the cessation of the apostolic sign gifts. He was the founder and former pastor of Cornerstone Community Church in Simi Valley, California. Chan is now a well-known conference speaker, regularly preaching alongside questionable, at best charismatics such as Mike Bickle of IHOPKC and many others." Then of course, there you see a reference there to Francis Chan tosses his old church under the bus. That coming from Bible Thumping Wingnut. Francis Chan recently spoke at a gathering of Facebook employees and took the opportunity to disparage his old church.

"Chan, despite his solid theological educational background, is highly compromised in many ways, and not just because he regularly shares the stage with heretics. While that, in and of itself, is problematic, Chan's compromises are much deeper and stem from a serious lack of discernment.



"Chan aims to be a people-pleaser. It's understandable that a man in the flesh would desire the praise of other men, but God dislikes this attitude and the Apostle Paul warns against it (Galatians 1:10).

"When Chan decided to leave his church several years ago to begin his charismatic crusade, he announced to his congregation 'God was leading him elsewhere.' Then, two years ago, while speaking at a gathering speaking, of his former church, he told the audience that they were all a 'bunch of losers' who didn't exercise their spiritual gifts.

"Francis Chan, for several years, has been on the speaker circuit for several heretical crusades. One of the most popular crusades he's frequented has been IHOPKC's annual One Thing conference alongside such heretics as Todd White, Michael Brown, Joyce Meyer, and Seventh Day Adventist, Ben Carson. This conference is not only heretical due to it's theological grounding steeped in New Apostolic Reformation ideology, it's also ecumenical, and holds a Catholic track.

"But Chan is no stranger to ecumenism. In 2003, Mike Gendron, a Christian apologist best known for his polemics and evangelistic resources for Catholics, was invited to speak at Chan's church. Gendron, a man who knows and loves Catholics enough to speak truthfully about the serious and damning theological errors they hold to, spoke to Chan's audience truthfully about the errors of purgatory, Mary, the Eucharist, and the biblical way of salvation. This prompted Chan to rebuke Mike Gendron in front of the entire gathering, stating that it 'was a mistake' to host Gendron."

Now at this point I want to break to Rob. Rob, do you happen to know Mike Gendron? Do you know anything about this person?

Rob. I certainly do. Mike and I have been friends for a long time. He's a fellow graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and he began his ministry directly out of seminary proclaiming the Gospel ministry, and he is well-respected, he's well-spoken, he's doctrinally sound, and he and I just did a conference together in Illinois, Springfield, Illinois on the Solas of the Protestant Reformation. Mike mentioned to me this man, Francis Chan, when he mentioned that he had been asked to stop speaking at a church in which he was invited to speak. I guess it was in the Q&A and Mike was answering questions about various Roman Catholic doctrines and this man, Francis Chan, stood up and told him, "This conference is finished and we're not listening to this anymore," and told Mike that he was sorry that he invited him out to the church.

Larry. Right in front of everybody.

Rob. Right, and I don't know this Francis Chan. The first time that I heard his name was from Mike and now he is coming up again.

Larry. I'd like to insert here a video clip of Mike Gendron who is an author, speaker, evangelist and apologist. Now this is the man, Mike Gendron, that the theological heretic,

Francis Chan, kicked out of his conference after inviting him to speak. But why would that be? It's because Mike Gendron is simply giving a true Gospel message pertinent to people who are lost and following false doctrines. But since Francis Chan himself is a theological heretic, not in agreement with the true biblical doctrine and would rather just entertain a bunch of goats instead of sheep because there's more money in that for people like Chan, because after all, think about it and if you go to our video called "87% of Evangelical Christians don't know what the Gospel is or what justification is," we find from theological surveys done and you'll get that information in this video, that most of the people that call themselves Evangelicals are not Christians at all. They're fakes. 87% of Evangelical Christians don't know what the Gospel is or what justification is. And all these heretics out there, the Benny Hinn's, Kenneth Copeland's, the Francis Chan's, and all the rest of these moneymaking heretics, they thrive on this 87% of the people out there who claim to be Christians but they don't know a thing about biblical Gospel or justification.

So that's what we're dealing with. So you have someone like Mike Gendron coming along, he's going to speak the biblical truth whether people like it or not. He's going to preach it. Well, Francis Chan, that doesn't fit his heretical ideas. So here's an example and you can see the rest of this lecture by Mike Gendron in our video and this clip is coming from our video called, "Roman Catholics worship a counterfeit Christ and Gospel while denying Christ alone." Mike Gendron. You can see that on our YouTube channel. Here's Mike in a little clip from that particular lecture, and as you hear him speak, think about how this is driving Francis Chan nuts because he can't stand true biblical doctrine that exposes heresies analyze that lead to damnation for those who believe it.

All right, here we go, Mike Gendron.

Video clip.

Mike Gendron. What a joy it is to be with like-minded believers this weekend to open the word of God and to look at the reason for the Reformation. For over 1,200 years the doctrines of grace were hidden from the people because the Roman Catholic religion hid them and they took the Bible from the people so the people had no way of knowing the truth from God's word. In fact, many people don't know this but the Bible was actually placed on the list of forbidden books at the Council of Trent, and if you were a Roman Catholic in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, if your sins, if you wanted your sins forgiven, you had to return the Bible to the church before they would forgive your sins, and so that's why it was called the Dark Ages, the light of the Gospel was not given to the people.

Well, we're here this afternoon to talk about Christ alone and it's an important subject as you can imagine. We've talked about the importance of the foundation of the Gospel, that being Scripture alone, and then we talked about grace alone in the last session, and now we're going to talk about Christ alone. Many people don't realize the reason for the five Solas. If you were a Roman Catholic in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and prior 1,200 years, you were told that you were saved by grace plus merit, faith plus works, Christ plus other mediators, Scripture plus tradition, and to the glory of God and Mary and the saints. And

so the Reformers came on the scene and they said, "No, the Bible teaches that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, all for the glory of God alone."

The reason this topic is important, Christ alone, is because as you engage Roman Catholics with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and you talk to Evangelicals who are trying to reach them, oftentimes they will say, "Well, I know this Catholic who is saved already," and we'll ask the question, "Well, how do you know they're saved?" "Well, because they believe in Jesus. They love Jesus." And my response is, "Which Jesus do they love? Which Jesus do they trust?" And you're going to see in the presentation now that they do indeed worship a counterfeit Christ. He is an impostor. He's not the Christ of the Bible nor is he the Christ of the Gospel.

So it's important, then, as we witness to Roman Catholics to recognize they belong to a different church, an apostate church. They submit to a different authority. They worship a different Jesus. They believe a different Gospel. They have a different view of sin and they have a different view of Mary. Ultimately this leads to a different path to eternity. I have great compassion for Roman Catholics because they are where I was for most of my life, believing I belonged to the one true church and destined for heaven, albeit I detour through purgatory, but I believed that my religion would ultimately save me. So my compassion for Catholics that are in this religious system, they are indoctrinated and they do not know the truth and they are very resistant to the truth which is why we need the sovereign grace of God to penetrate their stubborn hearts.

Well, never before has there been such a need to preach Christ that is so gloriously revealed in Scripture. The person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ today is being compromised and distorted like never before. Whether it is a deliberate act or an act of ignorance, those who preach another Jesus need to be confronted and they need to be exposed. They are pawns of Satan who has created a variety of different Christs. You have the Christ of Roman Catholicism. You have the Jesus of Islam. You have the Jesus of Mormonism and the Jesus of the Jehovah's Witnesses. They are impostors. They are a counterfeit Christ. The world believes in Jesus, the historical Jesus, but unless you believe Jesus as he is gloriously revealed in Scripture, you have no hope of eternal life.

So like the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:8, we must preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, a biblical proclamation of Christ is needed to correct the faulty depictions of Christ. Lost people must come to the true Christ of the Bible. They must come God's way and that is with empty hands of faith. The only thing a sinner can bring to the cross of Christ is his sin. He must leave everything else behind. So like Paul, we proclaim Christ alone, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

We look at the Lord Jesus Christ as the sovereign Lord. He has all authority to rule over his entire creation with power over sin, with power over death, sovereign power over diseases, demons and nature. He has judicial authority to condemn men to eternal death or justify them to eternal life. There will come a day when at the name of Jesus Christ

every knee will bow of those who are in heaven and those on the earth and those under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father, Philippians 2:10-11.

So the uncreated infinite and eternal nature of God was fully integrated with the finite created nature of man. Deity and humanity came together in perfect unity. Man's perfect God became God's perfect man to satisfy divine justice for his people. Deity and humanity came together in perfect unity so that Jesus Christ could become the Kinsman Redeemer of mankind. Divine justice had to be satisfied by a sinless man and he had to be the eternal God in order to cancel the eternal sin debt. Finite man can never do that which is why hell is eternal. It took an eternal God to become man to cancel the sin debt.

So the Gospel is about Christ alone. In fact, if you look at one Corinthians 15:1-4, I often take Roman Catholics here. I show them there is only one name mentioned, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the eternal God incarnate, his virgin birth and his perfect life. There is no other name mentioned. Your name is not there. Mary's name is not there. Your pope's name is not there. There is only one name in the Gospel.

The Gospel is only about two events, the unique, historical, unrepeatable, atoning death of Jesus Christ and his glorious resurrection from the dead. Well, Mike, why do you have to define the death of Jesus Christ with those words: unique, historical, unrepeatable? It's because the Roman Catholic religion believes that the Roman Catholic priest has the power to call the Lord Jesus Christ down from heaven to be re-presented on an altar to continue the work of redemption. They deny the words of our bloodstained Savior, "It is finished." We are saved because of a historically event that happened 2,000 years ago.

Let's look at the Christ of the Gospel. He is the eternal Lord God and Savior. Those who come to Christ must receive him both as Lord and Savior. As Pastor Gary mentioned earlier, there are other apostate churches and denominations that dare to say that you can receive Jesus as Lord but not take him, I'm sorry, receive him as your Savior but not take him as your Lord. No, Christ cannot be divided. When the Philippian jailer asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" did Paul say, "Believe on the Savior Jesus Christ"? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." And Paul wrote in Romans 10, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved."

He is the Lord God. He is also prophet, priest and king and he cannot be divided. Jesus is the last prophet who represents God to his people. As our prophet, he instructs us in the things of God and heals our blindness and ignorance. He is God's Son and God demands that we listen to him, Matthew 17:5. He is also our perfect high priest representing his people to God, and as the perfect high priest, he offers himself the perfect sacrifice to a perfect God who demands perfection and then he cried out in victory, "It is finished!"

The sacrifice of Jesus took place once, only once, but he still continues as our great high priest and makes continual intercession with the Father for us. We do not need a sacerdotal priesthood any longer. When the Lord Jesus Christ gave up his spirit, the veil

separating the Holy of Holies from sinful man was torn open from top to bottom, showing that now through faith in the shed blood of Jesus we have direct access to God, we no longer need a priesthood offering sacrifices, but yet the Roman Catholic Church continues the priesthood, the sacerdotal priesthood. In a sense, it's an extension of Judaism. They deny the work of redemption is finished and the Roman Catholic priesthood is superfluous, it's unnecessary and it brings shame and not glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the one mediator between God and man. Could Paul have made it any more clear? "There is one God and one man, one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." He is the only one qualified to come between two warring parties. That's the role of a mediator. Prior to us coming to Christ, our relationship with God was one of enmity and hostility but through the mediation of God's perfect man and man's perfect God, he has changed that relationship to one of peace and harmony. How dare the Roman Catholic religion put forth another mediator in the name of another Mary who dares to say that she is the mediatrix of all grace, denying again the words of Scripture? He is the only head of the church. He is the only one that died for his church. How dare the Roman Catholic pope claim to be the head of the church? He not only steals that title from the Lord Jesus, he also steals the title Holy Father from the one and only Holy Father. That phrase, "Holy Father," is only mentioned once in Scripture and that's when Jesus prayed his high priestly prayer in John 17. But the pope doesn't stop there, he also steals the title Vicar of Christ, a title, of course, given to the Holy Spirit.

End of video clip.

Larry. I thought that would be cool to have you, because you know him personally.

Rob. Oh, I do.

Larry. And that was some good input there about this. Okay, so he doesn't like the truth about Roman Catholicism be told to anybody. So we know that so far from here.

Rob. But that doesn't bode well for him.

Larry. Exactly, since Roman Catholicism is the antichrist religion, denying the Gospel.

Video clip.

Rob. Is that a Roman Catholic publication?

Larry. No, this is a Lutheran publication, although I'm not Lutheran but it usually has a lot of, there you go.

Rob. I see.

Larry. Christian News right there. It has a lot of interesting articles in it and that's why I've been subscribing to it for 25 years. So I like the kind of information that they throw

out there because they basically get information from these Roman Catholic sources, other sources, not just Lutheran. They grab the information from everywhere and stick it in one publication which gives me access to all this kind of information.

So anyway, here's another thing here in this next publication from January 24, 2011, "Evolution Okay in Rome." And basically here, I'm not going to read into all this but Roman Catholicism in their hierarchy accept the doctrine of Darwin's theory of evolution, that the universe is billions of years old.

Then as you can see underneath that it says, "Pope says God behind the Big Bang." And even the article underneath that says, "Pope paves way to beatification of John Paul II," where they're setting it up for him to be this beatified saint.

Rob. Fast tracking him.

Larry. Exactly, and this newer pope after the other one retired because of scandals, this Pope Francis is fast tracking John Paul II who was a universalist, an evolutionist, denying the inerrancy of Scripture, kissed the Koran, all these types of things. But anyway, these articles cover that. I'm just kind of going through some of this stuff to see what I've got here.

End of video clip.

Larry. Since this particular video was produced in studio before two popes canonized two other popes as saints, the following article which appeared in the Christian News of May 19, 2014 is submitted to update our viewers.

"Two New Mythical Saints.

"Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII are the latest editions to Rome's mythical sainthood. The Vatican Information Service reported that half a million people crowded into St. Peter's Square and the surrounding area to witness the canonization ceremony on the morning of April 27, 2014." And in fact, this one here as the people can see at home looking down the page a little bit it says, "The primary cause of the great sex scandal in the Roman Catholic Church is its decades long cover-up of the tremendous number of homosexual priests, bishops, archbishops, seminarians, even a Pope," talking here about, of course, Pope Paul VI. "Some Roman Catholic authorities have estimated that as much as 50% of Roman Catholic priests and seminarians may be homosexual. It's difficult to get an exact figure. September 26, 2005 Newsweek magazine reported that, 'The Reverend Donald Cozzen in his book, 'The Changing Face of the Priesthood,' estimated that 23 to 58% of the Roman Catholic clerics have homosexual orientations.'"

And just reading down the page a little bit and they quote this other book here, "The Homosexual Network," "Christian News as noted for some 30 years that Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland was a pro-homosexual who was covering up for homosexual priests. Father Enrique T. Rueda in his 'The Homosexual Network: Private

Lives & Public Policy,' published by Devin Adair in 1982, and reviewed in Christian News, exposed the famous Milwaukee Archbishop. Liberal churchmen appreciated Weakland's socialist notions and attack on America's free enterprise system."

We have another, this is one of the most exhaustive books by another Roman Catholic scholar named Randy Engel. Just glancing back here at the back pages, that's already over 1,200 pages of documentation and also about Pope Paul VI and his homosexual activities.

Rob. And this is a Roman Catholic author?

Larry. All these are Roman Catholic authors. You've got this one and then, of course, we've got this other one.

Rob. Would they be put in the camp of a modern Roman Catholic or a conservative?

Larry. To tell you the truth, I haven't studied that to find out because there's a...

Rob. ...whole spectrum.

Larry. ...there's a spectrum now and that's what I'm really trying to point out here as we get into these Roman Catholic apologists of what's going on in this. People think it's sort of like a monolithic organization but when you start breaking down Roman Catholics, they start getting into all their little camps and different aspects and you find things that are really different. Like you can go down to South America, for instance, you've got Roman Catholics down there that are nothing more than spiritists that use the Roman Catholic Church as a place to worship their ancestors, you know? But it's across the globe Roman Catholicism can be almost anything they want it to be depending on what's going on, and what's interesting is these Roman Catholic apologists are defending this.

But here's another book by another Roman Catholic, "Goodbye, Good Men," and what he's saying here is how liberals brought corruption into the Catholic Church. Now this guy is a Roman Catholic.

Rob. He would agree with Singenis that the liberals have corrupted....

Larry. Yeah, and then up here it says, "Absolutely astonishing. This bombshell book reveals a seminary underworld in which homosexual promiscuity is rampant, and seminarians who support the Church's teaching are persecuted." And that's by Rod Drescher, of the National Review.

So all this is documented in publications all over the place. So you're looking at almost half the Roman Catholic priests being homosexuals, even a pope, and then the other popes have been covering up the activities that have been going on.

Now he is just another publication. Let's see what we've got here. We've got as you can see on your screen, "Pope Paul VI's Homosexuality: Rumor or Reality?" And in this

article it's documenting everything, that he was actually having an affair with an Italian movie star. They documented all this.

And then it says here, "Catholic rites for practicing homosexuals during pope's England visit." So you've got there, and there's even a picture of two Roman Catholic seminarians kissing each other at the seminary.

Then you've got here another article from April 5, 2010, "Catholic Church abuse allegations ripple across the globe."

Then I got another article here by the Associated Press, AP exclusive, as you can see on your screen, "Future Pope stalled pedophile case."

What else have we got here? Some Roman Catholics protest against pope's universalism. The pope ceased to be a Christian leader. You've got some of these as other Roman Catholics and it gives the Roman Catholic citations in this publication from February 22, 2010, where they are getting mad.

As you can see here on your screen, here's a picture of from left, Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, Orthodox Bishop, and Pope John Paul II hold olive trees symbolic of peace at the conclusion of the world day of prayer for peace, an interfaith gathering held at Assisi, Italy in October, 1986. So you can see him with these other religions and we already know from what we read a while ago, there were 200 other representatives there of all these, you know, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and the Pope is embracing all these while he's kissing the Koran at the same time.

Let's see, I'm almost done here but this is just to show the magnitude of the information that's out there that apparently a lot of people don't seem to understand.

Here on this one from April 4, 2011, "Does the Pope believe in the resurrection?" And here we see Pope Benedict XVI, a universalist, evolutionist, and a higher critic of the Bible. And basically what this article is doing is it's reviewing Pope Benedict XVI's book that he wrote, Joseph, Cardinal Ratzinger's, "Introduction to Christianity." And in his book basically he says that the word "body or flesh" in the phrase "the resurrection of the body" in effect means "the world of man." You see, so he redefines the biblical terminology in his book away from a physical resurrection of Christ into more of a New Age metaphysical understanding of the Scriptures, and this is from the very pope in Rome. And it's basically going through and documenting all this from his own book where the pope actually denies the resurrection of Christ by redefining all the terminology, which is what most cults do anyway. You know, you can talk to a Mormon, for instance, and he says that Jesus, you know, he'll say, "I believe in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit," but then what you have to do is ask what does he mean by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and when you get them to do that, he says, "Well, Elohim is the Father of this planet. Jesus is the brother of the devil Lucifer, and he was one of the spirit children born to Adam, according to Brigham Young, who was over this planet and had many wives and Eve was just one of his many of his wives." And so Jesus



is just the spirit brother of the devil. "And the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit is a third god, but unfortunately for him he doesn't have a body. That's why he's called the spirit." So you see, they've actually got three gods but if you're just talking to them and you ask them if you believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, they'll say yes.

Rob. Of course. Very typical.

Larry. So when you talk to Pope Benedict XVI and ask him, "Do you believe in the resurrection?" "Yes, of course." But you see, you've got to read his book just to understand what he's really talking about just like I've read the book of Mormon and all their other things to find out what they're really talking about. Sometimes you have to go beyond the semantic barrier to get the point of it.

End of video clip.

Larry. Okay, "Chan's obvious discontent with biblical truth shows that he is not only theologically inept and lacks serious discernment, but that he also seeks to not offend man, effectively offending God much worse." Now it's funny, he doesn't mind offending true Bible guys like Mike Gendron, but he doesn't want to say anything bad about the heretics. So that's the funny thing about that.

Okay, going back to this, "In his never-ending crusade to please the world, Chan continues to praise well-known, well-liked heretics while throwing solid men of God under the bus. Chan knows that men like Gendron are less popular with the world and the culture because they see the truth of Scripture as black and white — without compromise.

"This weekend, Chan, at Lou Engle's 2019 Send Conference, Chan was noted praising arch-heretics, Todd White and Daniel Kolenda. Todd White is a fraudulent 'faith-healer' who claims to have healed hundreds of people of various ailments without a shred of evidence. Todd White holds to the Word of Faith heresy, 'little God' theology, and is largely into the heretical New Apostolic Reformation movement that teaches that the office of Apostle — like the original 12 — has been reinstated and Apostles and Prophets exist today. Besides the fact that every single 'Apostle' and 'Prophet' in this movement is morally compromised in some way, not a single one has ever prophesied the way the biblical prophets have done. You can see Chan praising these men in the video below, toward the end.

"Francis Chan, though he may occasionally speak things that sound right and biblical, is a wolf in sheep's clothing to be avoided at all costs. Because of his associations with heretics and false teachers — and his considerable lack of discernment — Chan leads his people astray. He is not a shepherd to be followed, as he feeds his sheep directly to the wolves.

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

And of course, this finishes with the verse Rob read at the beginning of this video, Ezekiel 14:10, "And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh onto him."

Video clip.

Francis Chan praises heretic Mike Bickle of IHOP.

Francis Chan. This is the first time I've ever been to and IHOP event. Yes, which is kind of crazy to me because I didn't know that much and, you know, so I kind of went on the internet and started looking things up and I go, "Man, there's a lot of great things going on here," and today was the first time I ever met Mike Bickle, and I love that guy. I do. I mean, and Mike knows we talked about this, you know, there's people that told me not to hang out with him like, you know? You know, words like creepy come up, and yet I get to know this guy and I'm going, "Man, I love his heart," and I just want to publicly say I love Mike Bickle, you know?

End of video clip.

The information I'm going to share with you now about the International House of Prayer, also known as IHOP, this information I'm using is from the authors John Park, edited by Matt Slick. Now Matt Slick is the president and founder of the Christian Apologetics and Research ministry, also known as [carm.org](http://carm.org), [carm.com](http://carm.com), which I highly respect and think is a good resource for Christians out there if they need good Christian apologetic information. As you can see on your screen, the article goes like this,

"The International House of Prayer (IHOP) was started on May 7, 1999, by Mike Bickle in Kansas City. It is well known for its 24/7 worship and prayer ministry. It has grown substantially and includes international connections, its own seminary, and an undergraduate program. People from around the globe are flocking to IHOP to learn.

"Origins and Goals

"The origin of the International House of Prayer started in 1982 after a man named Augustine approached Mike Bickle and said an audible voice told him to prophesy to his congregation. Later that year, Mike Bickle claimed to hear an audible voice speaking to him while on a trip in Cairo, Egypt. The voice told him, 'I am inviting you to raise up a work that will touch the ends of the earth. I have invited many people to do this thing and many people have said yes, but very few have done my will.'

"Mike Bickle has been quoted to say the church brings on the great tribulation," and for the sake of time, viewers at home can just freeze-frame the screen and read that prophetic so-called utterance from Bickle.

"Bickle proposes that an elite end-time church defeats God's enemies, and Jesus is 'held in the heavens' until it happens." And right here we see as Bickle states, "Right now the prayer movement is growing fast...really fast! But when I say it's growing fast instead of one percent of the Body of Christ taking hold of it, maybe 10 percent. It's...you know it's like 10 times bigger than it was a generation ago, but beloved as fast as the prayer movement is growing, where people are getting hold of it, still for 90 percent of the Body of Christ it's not even on their mind. Jesus is not coming until the Body of Christ globally is crying out 'Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,' and they don't just say 'come and forgive me' they are crying out in the understanding of who they are as the one that is cherished by Jesus in the bridal identity."

Then we go on with the article here.

"The Power of Emotionalism, Mysticism, and Gnosticism

"The major draw of IHOP is experience. Experience is fine as long as it is not against Scripture. We don't want mysticism, which is defined as 'the pursuit of deeper or higher subjective religious experience,' and that spiritual reality is perceived apart from the human intellect and natural senses. IHOP practices what is known as centering or contemplative prayer. This is defined as 'the practice of relaxing, emptying the mind, and letting one's self find the presence of God within.' In fact, they had an article titled 'Contemplative Prayer' on their website, but after much negative press they have taken it down. However, the contents of the article have been preserved by a former IHOP staff member's website and is available for all to see here," and there's your link if you want to go and see what the original said before they took it down.

"One of the highest criticisms of IHOP is that of Gnosticism. Gnosticism is derived from the Greek word gnosis, meaning 'knowledge.' Gnosticism is the idea of having 'hidden knowledge' of the spiritual realm that is unavailable to others. This knowledge comes via prophecies, visions, and dreams that God specifically gives to a certain privileged group of people - in this case IHOP. In fact, IHOP has their own 'prophecy rooms' where one can receive 'prophecies.'"

"Great experiences with our Lord are a gift from God, but one needs to exercise caution concerning the authority he/she gives personal experiences." We have a quote here from Dr. John MacArthur's sermon, "Are Experiences a Valid Source of Truth?" Here's what Dr. MacArthur says,

"There is the ploy they use, 'Well, we would expect you to be against it since you haven't had the experience.' That is Gnosticism. That is believing that you have been elevated to a higher level of comprehension which the uninitiated have no understanding. Rodman Williams, who has written a number of books and who was once the president of a local Charismatic school, and I quote said, 'Any vital information concerning the Gifts of the Spirit, the Pneumatic Charismata, predisposes a participation in them. Without such a participation, whatever is said about the Gifts may only result in confusion and error.' If you haven't had it, you have no right to talk about it. One pastor said to me, 'You talk

exactly like one who never had the experience. You are speaking out of ignorance.' I wonder if they feel that way talking about Heaven, Hell, murder, adultery, homosexuality, and numerous other subjects. Do we have to have that experience too?" This obviously shows the hypocrisy of the Charismatic argument that you have to have their experiences to understand what's going on.

Okay, the viewers at home, as I said, can freeze-frame. For the sake of time I'm not gonna try to read all of this material here but as you look at this, I'm gonna read one of the samplings of the prophecies and then from there you can look at some of the others on your screen by simply freezing the screen and then reading the information.

Okay, "1. On disc 7 of 'The Prophetic History,' Bickle describes a visitation to the throne-room of God as he is told that God will be restoring the apostles to the church. Let me preface this by saying that before getting to this point in his message, Bickle described the experience as being on par with the Apostle Paul's experience in the Third Heaven in (2 Cor 12) as well as John's visions," particularly in Revelation.

"They've been told by church leadership that it is up to them to 'usher in' the Second Coming of Jesus. They've been encouraged to do away with discernment concerning mystical experiences. They've been told that they are 'forerunners' of Christ in the same way that John the Baptist was. They've been told that the orthodox views of Christianity are weak and it's up to them to restore the 'true' message of the Gospel, using their new 'powers from God' to start a revival that will win souls for the Kingdom."

Now just looking at that is about as cultic as you can get. Every false prophet down through history follows this same formula for leading people astray. You think of the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, all the different New Age cults. It's just the same old story. You depart from the word of God and you're gonna get yourself in serious trouble.

Alright, the viewer can see the rest of these prophecies here and teachings of Bickle. I'm not going to read them all but they're there for you to analyze by simply stopping the screen and read it for yourself. If you want copies of this, just contact our ministry at [cdebater@aol.com](mailto:cdebater@aol.com) or go to the carm website.

Now we also see down here,

"The Denigration of the Bible and Sola Scriptura.

"One of the biggest issues of this movement," Bickle's movement, "is their denial of one of the bedrock doctrines of the Reformation and evangelical Christianity: Sola Scriptura, or Scripture Alone. Sola Scriptura is the teaching that the Bible is the revealed will of God and all that is necessary for faith (all teachings are contained within the Bible) and practice (the things we need to govern our church and everyday life). For an excellent explanation of this by Dr. Greg Bahnsen go to this link at [www.christiantruth.com/articles/bahnsen.html](http://www.christiantruth.com/articles/bahnsen.html).

"When people from IHOP make decisions, they do not use the Bible as the final revelation from God because they supposedly still get direct revelations from Him," that's God. "They deny this very doctrine that defines the protestant and evangelical faith. Sadly, this is rampant at IHOP."

Now IHOP, Bickle's outfit, they have been classified and indexed as a cult by multiple ministries.

"There are certainly many different theological distinctives in the Christian church, and many of us do differ. However, we do not go so far as to label each other cults or heretics. On the other hand, IHOP has been labeled dangerous, cultic, false, and heretical by many ministries, former members, apologetic groups, and godly men. In fact, other charismatic Christians have stood up to oppose them as well." Of course, our ministry, Christian Answers of Austin, Texas, definitely rate these guys, IHOP and the rest of these New Apostolic Reformation people as absolute arch-heretics, false prophets, no better than Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, or any New Age cultic group like Unity School of Christianity. It's just damnable heresy and those that engage in it are definitely gonna end up in the wrong place after death.

"Conclusion.

"A quick review of the main offenses include:

1. Cultic origin, worship style, and goals
2. Emotionalism
3. Mysticism
4. Gnosticism
5. The IHOP dilemma
6. False Prophecies
7. Effective Denial of Sola Scriptura
8. Opposition by multiple Godly Christian Groups

"Though it may seem like a place that is on fire and passionate for God, this is simply not the case." The viewers at home can see all the footnotes for the documentation concerning what's going on with IHOP, and of course, there's the President and Founder of the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry, Matt Slick, a very good Christian apologist and man of God.

A thing to remember, God has ordained false prophets, that's Jude 4. The existence of Satan and demons, (Revelation 12:9-17) and false religion, (2 Thess 1:8) so people can be put to the test whether they will stand for God or not. Read the book of Job. Deuteronomy 13:3 says, "You shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Everything in the end will be brought to judgment day," (Revelation 20).

Due to these circumstances, the following applies. The Bible tells us to expose error (Eph 5:11), "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." And to expose error, we must make righteous judgments. Christians must judge in order to, one, try the spirits to see if they are from God for many false prophets are in the world, (1 John 4:1). 2. Mark and avoid false teachers, slaves of their own bellies, deceiving many with their smooth and flattering speech, (Rom 16:17-18). 3. Rebuke false teachers, rebellious men and deceivers who subvert whole families with their false doctrine, (Titus 1:9-16). 4. Have no fellowship with immoral, impure or covetous men, (Eph 5:5-7). 5. Receive not deceivers who do not abide in the teaching of Christ into your homes nor giving them any greeting, (2 John 7-11). 6. Be wary of those who preach another Gospel, (2 Cor 11:4; Gal 1:6-9). Even David who feared touching one of God's anointed did not hesitate to judge and expose Saul's sin before the world. "Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness," (1 Sam 24:10, 12 and 13).

Thus shouldn't true Christians following the biblical standards laid down judge and expose the sins of false teachers, prophets and immoral brothers in the church, all those who would pollute the truth with perverted doctrines or watered down teachings which tickle the ear. 2 Timothy 4:2-5 says, "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

Our ministry, Christian Answers of Austin, Texas, Christian Debater, has attempted to do just that in order to protect the sheep of God from the many ravenous wolves that exist at every turn. See our YouTube channel at CAnswersTV, 1 Peter 3:15, "and to every man an answer for the hope that lies within you."

Clip from a false prophet television show.

Jim Baker. In this new book "God's Answers to the Growing Crisis," you've gotta have answers. You write that Bob Jones, he prophesied Psalm 27:4 to you. Can you tell us about that so to kind of set the stage?

Mike Bickle. Yeah, well some folks don't know about Bob Jones. He went to be with the Lord a few years ago in his 80s, in his mid-80s, but for many years had a very very strong prophetic ministry and touched many leaders around the body of Christ, quite remarkable, but it was 35 years ago he walked into my office in Kansas City, 1983, almost 35 years ago. I've got this young adult church, I'm in my 20s. He's, you know, about, you know, 50-60 something like that. To me he was old, real old. I'm 62, he's younger than I am now. But he walked in. We have this vibrant young adult church. We've got lawyers and doctors. We had 10 football players from the Kansas City Chiefs. We had these kind of successful professionals that were doing great and doing awesome and Bob grew up in the hills of Arkansas and skipped a few steps of education, and his

language made that kind of clear that he skipped a few steps, but he walked in my office, kind of the one old guy because all of our people were in their 20s and I thought, "Sir," you know, I said, "My name's Mike Bickle." I put my hand out and he did not shake my hand. He looked up around like that. And I said, "My name is Mike Bickle." And he goes, "Yep, yep, this is what the Lord was telling me." And I go, "Excus me?" And he looked at me and he said, "I'll just give you the snapshot." It's a quite long story like everybody's got a long story but he said, "I'm gonna tell you where you're going in the future and what the Lord's gonna put in front of you." And I didn't really, I wasn't really up for that. He didn't look like the type that would give me an intelligent clear answer about my future and he said, "You're gonna have 24 hour prayer with singers and musicians." Well, I went, "Uh." I went... I didn't go, "Wow," just so you know, I went, "What?" And he said, "You're gonna have that," he goes, "Number 1. Number 2," he said, "The Lord's gonna move you from the wealthy part of Kansas City," where we had all these, I mean, a lot of top young leaders, a lot of successful economically, he goes, "He's gonna move you from here to the other side of town to this blue collar community because Harry S. Truman lived there." I thought, "What are you talking about?" He said, "Because the reason, because Harry S. Truman was an intercessor for the nation of Israel."

End of clip.

Clip from an IHOP event that Mike Bickle endorses.

Woman. A majority of things (writhing uncontrollably throughout). I went on a three month spiritual journey. I left Jacksonville, Florida. I was hanging with a prominent motorcycle gang and they put a patch on me and I left because something wasn't right. I got out of prison in 2007 and I met that man that I was with and I left after 21 months because something wasn't right. So I came to Kansas just to stay with somebody I knew and the father knew what he was doing because I wound up here. I got delivered. I got signed, sealed and delivered. [unintelligible] I've been delivered from a sight I had since I was 5 years old, 5 years old and it's a demonic sight. There are many people out there that have it and I promise you, it is not a gift from the Father if it scares you, and there is victory in his love.

Woman 2. (writhing uncontrollably) No manifesting and all that kind of stuff and the healing is left for after the service when you come, but it's changed now.

Man. So the Lord began touching you here and then you went home at Christmas.

Woman 2. Yeah.

Man. And what happened when you went home?

Woman 2. My pastor told me, he asked me if I could speak at my church for three of our services.

Child. The spirit is God and he takes his glasses off and he looks at me and he's like, "I feel like I just woke up."

Man. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

End of video clip.

Larry. As the viewers are about to see, there's a meeting here of Azusa Street people which is Charismatic mania, you might say, ecumenical with Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals, all persuasions of so-called "Christianity" getting together and what these people fail to realize is that God hates this kind of activity and it's right in the word of God and Francis Chan has aligned himself with these people, Mike Bickle and all the rest of them, New Apostolic Reformation and so forth. He's become one of them and thereby proving his apostasy from the true Christian faith.

Now let's take a look at what the word of God says about all this ecumenical chaos going on. 2 Kings 17:33-34 from the New American Standard Bible, it says in verse 33, "They feared the LORD and served their own gods according to the custom of the nations from among whom they had been carried away into exile. To this day they do according to the earlier customs: they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances or the law, or the commandments which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, whom He named Israel. So while these nations feared the LORD, they also served their idols; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, so they do to this day."

So what Francis Chan and all the rest of these Charismatic people are doing with the Catholics and the rest of them are they're just combining with false religions and thinking, "Hey, let's just sing Kumbayah, we all say the name Jesus, and it all must mean the same thing," which is never the case. All these different religions define the Gospel in different ways and they have different Jesuses. So this kind of meeting that you're about to see proves what God himself condemns as we find here in 2 Kings 17:33, 34 and 41.

Video clip.

Priest. Let us praise the Lord together, Catholics, Evangelicals, we're all brothers and sisters in Christ. Bishop O'Connell is here with me. Please say hello.

Bishop David O'Connell. Bishop David O'Connell. I love you, Jesus. Thank you for bringing us all together again. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you.

Man. 1967 Duquesne University, the Spirit was out-poured. That's 50 years ago. It's Jubilee. Today our Catholic brothers are with us. Tell us, Matheo, welcome, give a shout of thanksgiving for our Catholic brothers. Go ahead!

Matheo. (through an interpreter) Thank you so much, Lou, for inviting us. We're a delegation, a Catholic delegation and I come from Italy and I bring you a salute from 150



million Charismatic Catholics. We're part of the same family and we are also a part of the family of Azusa Street. It's in actuality the prophecy of Joel in action. He said in the last days he will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh so we have an Evangelical flesh, we have a Protestant flesh, we have a Catholic flesh. God doesn't, he doesn't look at people but whoever holds him and accepts him, and this is the lesson that we learn in the house of Cornelius. God has given us the same Spirit, Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, Hebraic Messianics. Just like Paul says, we have drunk of the same Spirit to form one body, the body of Christ. One church. One Lord. Jesus said, "Make us one until the world believes." We need to repent and if after 2,000 years the world doesn't believe yet Christ is Lord, what hinders the world from knowing Jesus? And one big part of that is the division of Christians. Division is a diabolical sin. We need to repent and pray to remove the thing that hinders the world from believing and today what we want to do, Jesus wants to break the spirit of division. He doesn't care about our differences. We're not going to be known by our differences, for our doctrines, for our traditions, but for the love that we have one for another. Jesus said, "By this ye will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." And that's what we want to do.

We Catholics, we've received so much from the Azusa Street [unintelligible], but we want to sow a debt, we want to ask you Protestants, we want to ask for your forgiveness for not respecting the love of the law of Jesus, for not respecting you and showing love and generosity. In this humility we ask that you would forgive us in the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, brothers and sisters. Please pray for us. Please give us your forgiveness and your mercy. And today I want to just symbolically make a gesture. We wanted to wash your feet, Lou, but we found that it's not really practical here. We want to, Lou, kiss your feet as Catholics and just honor you with this gesture right now. (lies down on the ground and kisses his feet)

Interpreter. Raise up, Catholics all over the world, 1 billion souls of Catholics to come into the kingdom of God. The hour is coming, the chains are broken. The losing of the Lord upon every single Catholic in the world, that they would see the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that revival would spring forth in the Catholic Church like never before.

Lou. We're just in a holy moment right here. I want to do the same thing for you. Come, my brothers and sisters, I want you to come here, come on, the elders, just come. I want to join this thing. This is holy. (kneels and kisses Matheo's feet)

Matheo. Jesus, I thank you because you're breaking the spirit of division. You're preparing a great revival in the event of this great call and that which you wanted to do 100, 10 years ago. You're going to do it again. Do it again! Do it again! Do it again! Send your Spirit! Let your Spirit come again for a billion Catholics.

Lou. We've got a brother who is over evangelism in this archdiocese. We want to pray. I want you to lift, stretch out your hands, we're gonna pray for the evangelization, the might evangelization of the peoples of Los Angeles. Go ahead, pray for them.

End of clip.

Video clip of "The Prayer Room."

Mike Bickle. I mean, our worship teams are getting geared up for it, but we want to take, we want to keep, we want to bring everybody to the main auditorium and we want to give real defining statements about the hour we're living in. I mean, we're living in crisis right now. I mean, we just did the call in.

Lou (man who kissed Catholic priest's feet). Mike, you can feel it. I mean, the election is just a part of it. What's going on in California, the rage, we are in such pressuring days for a generation to just go light, kind of be politically correct, don't anybody rock the boat. An Elijah prophetic movement is coming that will stand in the face of compromise and say, "This is not where we're going." And this is the kind of message that we're seeking to call for.

Mike. Yeah, because God's really a messenger. I mean, it's good to do intimacy. I mean, we're so rooted in that but we feel like that we're gonna take our, this conference beyond the message of intimacy.

End of video clip.

Video clip.

Mike Bickle. Hello, my name is Mike Bickle. I'm the Director of the International House of Prayer and I'm right here with Keith Major and, Keith, you're hosting and sponsoring our Catholic ecumenical track at One Thing, the Young Adult Conference. We're expecting thousands of young people from all around, so tell us what's on your heart because we're so excited to have you here. What an honor and what a blessing that you guys are doing this together and coming to join with us in this building.

Keith Major. Well, I learned so much from you, the 6 ½ years I was on staff, and I just want to share this experience with my Catholic friends. So I'd like to thank you for even hosting, letting us come into your conference and learn from you because we have so much to learn from what you do in the prayer meeting.

Mike. And we have so much to learn from all over the body of Christ, Catholics, Charismatics, non-Charismatics, denominations, anyone who loves Jesus. That's why we're hosting an ecumenical track, or that's why actually you're the one leading it and I so appreciate you doing that because if you love Jesus and the word of God, man, we're going on the same direction together before the Lord, and so we love that. Thank you.

Keith. Yeah. So please come. Tell your friends, tell whoever you can, you know that's interested in this.

Mike. We're gonna have a great time in the Lord.

End of video clip.

Video clip.

Roman Catholic priest. But the core that we must stand upon is if you are in Christ, you are in one body and that is the core to our unity. And if you say, "Well, how come we're so different?" Because we're supposed to be. Some of us are hands, some are feet, some are noses, some are mouths, some are eyes, some are ears. We don't need the mouth to act like a foot. We don't need the ear to look like an eye. We need to be a body united together under the one head. One body, one spirit, one hope that we're called to, one Lord, one faith, on baptism, and everybody said, "One God over all," and that is the basis for our unity, Nick.

Nick. Amen. Amen. It's so good. Can we make some noise for Jesus in this place again? Yeah, we just believe. It's time for friendship. It's time for understanding.

End of video clip.

Video clip.

Richard Bennett, former Roman Catholic priest for 22 years.. Well, I was actually there in Rome, that the Catholic Church changed its stance completely its method of dealing with churches. Before it had condemned all religions as saying it was the only true religion. The condemned Buddhists, Mohammad, Islam and Bible believers were called heretics, and then it changed completely. It was like 180 degrees change. It changed to accepting.

Man. Were you aware at that time the magnitude of what was discussed?

Richard. I was aware that something was in the air, we discussed it but we didn't read, we didn't have the documents. When I was actually there at Rome, there had only been, they were going to begin to be printed and then translated into different languages. But we got wind of it, the talk of what was going on because, you know, we're part of the church and we know what's going on. It wasn't until a little while later the following year when I was sent to Trinidad that we actually got copies and then I was very well aware because it was implemented nearly right away there in Trinidad, the decisions to accept other churches. They were now to be called separated brethren, why everybody was no longer condemned, and the Hindus and the Buddhists and Islamic people, Muslims, were accepted to having a form of godliness, you know? And I was horrified because literally I had neighbors who were Buddhists and Hindus and I knew some Islamic people, we hadn't got many Muslims and we had some Muslims in Trinidad. So I was aghast at the Catholic Church accepting these religions.

End of video clip.

Video clip.

Thomas Keating. Please remember that since Vatican II, the Roman Catholic communion of these took a 180 degree turn and it recognized explicitly and formally that the Holy Spirit is at work in other religions, hence some of their rituals, without designating which ones and getting into the details, also lead to salvation. And this is a fundamental truth that hasn't filtered down too far. It certainly hasn't gotten into the pews and I'm not so sure how far it has gotten down the various corridors of the Vatican, but this is what the fathers of the Church and the most authoritative formal teaching of our times, have said. It's so wonderful that we can forgive them but it took 1,900 years to get there.

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Richard Bennett. These religions I had seen with my own eyes some of the things that go on in these religions, and then the fact that we had accepted them as a church, and that that horrified me because I knew I didn't live in like Western society, I did more the Caribbean society and here in this island where I lived for 21 years, I saw, I saw how people lived, you know? And I was horrified that these religions, and then that our belief at the time as Catholics, that we always condemned the Protestants and hated them, you know, that was my culture [unintelligible]. Intellectually I understand that I'm a sinner before a holy God. I understand it's God's grace, nothing I can do, and I understand that faith is a gift of God like it says in Ephesians 2:8-9, it is the gift of God not of works lest anyone should boast. And I cried out to God and praised God, and then the Lord really changed me and I stopped, I had stopped not just only drinking beer and rum, I probably stopped babbling.

Greg Bentley. It is amazing as I've heard you tell your story in so many places, it's the fact that all the rituals that you were doing as a priest and then as you shifted into false doctrine of Pentecostalism, doing the rituals of speaking in tongues, it never worked. It never transformed.

Richard. And that used to bother me too, you know. Again, when I worked in Trinidad, my first year was in the main city, the second biggest city was San Fernando in Trinidad, but I worked more in the small, in the towns like in Sangre Grande my last seven years and Pointe-A-Pierre for previous 7 ½ years and the seaside resort town where I worked down there, they're all small towns and I knew people's individual lives and here I see people babbling in tongues and living in adultery, usually in fornication and some of the young people we had in the choir, you know, they were singing in the choir but they were also on drugs and into fornication and things. And I was aghast, I said it's not just that the

sacraments don't work but Pentecostalism, somebody can be babbling and their life still very immoral, and I said this is really really physically upset me too, because we're human creatures and our feelings can physically, and it really literally turned in my stomach because this is who I am. Like I was born Catholic because that's where, you know, as the old saying is, born Catholic, die Catholic, and it's my culture. It is who I am and how can I give up who I am? This is not a religion, this is my identity and I can empathize with people who if you say this is who I am. This is what my parents were, my grandparents.

Greg. What could be quite similar to modern-day Pentecostals and Charismatics who their identity as a Christian forms around speaking...

Richard. I know and then when you come to realize that this thing doesn't work. It doesn't work. Well, it works to deceive and you can feel real good but, you know what I mean, you were there with your hands out speaking in tongues and giving a prophecy. A big lady had prophesied over me in King James English, you know, "Thus says the Lord. You shall be a great mediator between the Catholic Church and the Assemblies of God. God has called you to this holy office of being a mediator between the Assemblies of God and the Catholic Church." And she had prophesied over me and then when I left the Catholic Church, they were aghast because their prophetess, one of the famous, I don't want to give the name, if anybody asks me I'll give it by email, but you're depending on man's way. You say it's a prophecy, a word from God and it's man way. And this word of faith name-it and claim-it, I mean, we had people naming and claiming all sorts of things. Of course, it never never came about and it was frightening and I just asked like us to wake up and to see the reality of these things because lives are at stake and you who are parents that think about if you're bringing your children up in this, how are you deceiving them. It's a difficult world that we live in.

Greg. Thank you for really sharing your heart on the topic and bringing our conversation back to, you know, the very early days of this ecumenical movement, it was obvious that the Pentecostal and Charismatic churches were instrumental in uniting the Roman Catholic Church with so-called Protestantism and drawing people back towards Rome, and it's been many years now but it's extremely active today. It's very alive and well, in fact, it was just in 2014 that there was an enormous outreach orchestrated by the Vatican in which Kenneth Copeland and his congregations did a live broadcast ending with a special message to American Pentecostal and Charismatic churches directly from Pope Francis.

Video clip of Kenneth Copeland.

Kenneth Copeland. I have something really really special the Lord has blessed us with tonight and somebody I want to introduce to you, Brother Tony, come on up, would you please? And Tony Palmer, some of you may know Tony. Tony and I go way back but he's gonna be telling you the story. I asked him to come give his testimony and he's got a special message for us tonight. So would you welcome Tony Palmer to this platform? Bishop, thank you, sir.

Video clip of Pope Francis

Pope Francis. Dear brothers and sisters. Excuse me, because I speak Italian. But, I am not speaking English but I will speak no Italian, no English, but "heartfully." It's a language more simple and more authentic, and this language of the heart has a special [particular] language and grammar. A simple grammar. Two rules: love God above all, and love the other [neighbour] because he is your brother and sister. With these two rules we can go ahead.

I am here with my brother, my bishop brother, Tony Palmer. We've been friends for years. He told me, told me about your conference, about your meeting, and it's my pleasure to greet you. And I also ask you a favor, please pray for me because I need your prayers. And I will pray for you, I will do it, but I need your prayers. And let's pray to the Lord that he unites us all. Come on, we are brothers. Let's give each other a spiritual hug and let God complete the work that he has begun. And this is a miracle, the miracle of unity has begun.

End of clip of Pope Francis.

Kenneth. Oh, glory, glory, glory. Tony, thank you, sir. Come on, the man asked us to pray for him. O Father, Father, we answer his request and since we know not how to pray for him as we ought other than to agree with him and his quest and his heart for the unity of the body of Christ, we come together in the unity of our faith, hallelujah, so Father, we just all of us now according to Scripture when we know not how to pray as we ought, we pray for him in the Spirit. [crowd speaking in tongues] We receive utterance in the Holy Ghost. We receive prayers of faith. We receive, Sir, we receive words that are not our own. [Kenneth Copeland and crowd speaking in tongues]

[Absolute Lie! He is misquoting Romans 8:26 which actually says, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." The prayer of the Holy Spirit CANNOT BE SPOKEN (hence the word in Scripture is "uttered"!)]

Kenneth. Oh, hallelujah. Right now heaven is thrilled over this. Oh, thank you, Lord. Hallelujah!

End of Kenneth Copeland video clip.

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Greg. So this movement is still active today and it has also spread into other areas. It's not just the Pentecostals. As your ministry grew over the last 25 years, Richard, I've seen how you've addressed this as it came to accords and things that were joint declarations of faith between different denominations. It continues in all areas of the Christian church in America and around the world.

Richard. Yeah, and let's go back to the early days in 1967 and when the Charismatic movement was really beginning here in the United States, you know, at Duquesne University and Notre Dame Catholic University, and the people were beginning to get into Pentecostalism. It was Pope Pius VI that sent Cardinal Leo Sueners from Italy, from Rome here to the United States to authenticate the fact that the Catholic Charismatic movement is accepted in the Catholic Church and it is to be propagated and so that was a big boost for Pentecostalism within the Catholic Church, and it was like officially that there was to be a working together and that was why.

And with the Assemblies of God where by things were going really well and TBN, Trinity Broadcasting, you know, which as been known for horrendous things that it broadcast, but they accepted us Catholic priests like Victor Alphonso that spoke there, and others, you know, who were Catholic priests. But after they were saved by God's grace and had a story to tell how their lives were transformed such as myself and people like Victor Alphonso and people like Bob Bush, you know, they didn't want to hear anybody who had left the Catholic Church because they had come to biblical faith and because they were closed, it was just open to rituals of the Charismatic show that goes on and speaking in tongues and being slain in the Spirit and all those other things.

It'd break your heart, Greg, and it broke my heart because I knew some of these priests who have been in the Charismatic movement with me and I could see how their lives were disintegrating and I would appeal to some of them, I'd say, "You know, I have seen how you get out of this, that this binding your mind and your conscience."

Greg. Richard, now that we've really covered the topic of the Charismatic and Pentecostal involvement in ecumenism, a lot of people have not studied Roman Catholicism that are in Christian churches today. You know, you yourself spent many years in it, I was raised in the Roman Catholic system, so we're aware of the complete differences between Catholic faith and what we've discovered as biblical faith. It's most doctrines are almost 180 degrees opposite of true doctrine so there is a danger that we clearly see, is there a way that we can communicate to Christian people of the dangers of being involved in this Charismatic movement and its many forms?

Richard. Yes. It's Christ Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." When you look at and analyze Pentecostalism and when you analyze what they call their miracles, one of the well-known miracles was that a person's, one foot was shorter than the other and that they prayed over the feet and now they get you to see that this person's feet were perfectly alright, and you begin to see that this putting on a show. There's no reality to it, you know, and that the other signs and wonders, you see that they're not real. Somebody says that they've a word from God, a prophecy to give, and you see that it doesn't come to pass, you see that the thing does not deliver. What delivers is when we pray in Jesus' name. He's the one mediator. We do not have little mediators called prophets going around prophesying or working miracles, it's Christ is our mediator and we don't have any other mediators either big Charismatic and Evangelical leaders who can draw you to Christ, it's Christ alone is the mediator.

And when you see that the things keep people enslaved and lives are not changed, you know what I mean? We produced there recently a new book that is selling really well, "On the Wings of Grace Alone: The Testimonies of 30 Former Catholics." One is called the Carnal Catholic and you read his testimony. He was utterly worldly and he kept going to confession and kept going to communion, he'd get communion and then back into his worldly style and things didn't change. A. J. Crouse did everything you could think of and things didn't change. I mean, you can jump through all these hoops and it doesn't get you anywhere and at the end of the day, you don't have peace with God and your life has not been transformed and spiritually you're going nowhere. And if you stay on the Pentecostal track, it leads to ruin because it's the Pentecostal churches that are the place where Rome is accepted.

It was in 1994 when Charles Colson and Richard Newhouse began to bring in the Evangelicals and Catholics together, and later in 1997, the second one of these documents. They purportedly had brothers and sisters in Christ but they're not in Christ, neither Pentecostals nor the Catholics or the so-called Evangelicals who want to do it man's way, you know, or those who want salvation to be, "Well, I accepted Jesus into my heart. I made my decision. I put my stake in the ground and I know that once saved, I'm always saved." And it doesn't add up. It's God who saves in Christ Jesus. It's his gift. It's not of us.

When you get beyond that ritualism and Evangelical ritualism whereby you walk the aisle and sign the card and the pastor tells you you're saved, and put up your hand and receive Jesus into your heart, all of this tra-la-la is just the same as the Catholic sacraments. Like I would say over people, "I absolve you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." You know, do the sign and say the words and people's sins were supposed to be forgiven. The Lord [unintelligible] the ground empty because it didn't do anything and these things don't do anything and it doesn't deliver. But when you trust in Christ and look to him and look to the Father to give you grace, man doesn't work.

I had seen something and I knew that Rome depends on the cup, you know, the golden cup of the Mass and that the gems and all that each bishop had a cross with gems in it and I knew some of those other details, and historically I knew that she had drunk the blood of the saints, I knew that for the Inquisition it was horrific history where the Catholic Church had people tortured and put to death for 605 years. Later on I made a video on that that was, well, of course, many many years after leaving Catholicism and I didn't know all those details then, but I knew some of them. But then this was frightening and it really is a reality, is this the one that Paul spoke about in 2 Thessalonians 2, the man of sin sitting in the temple of God calling himself God. Whatever religion is there that the man in charge calls himself the Holy Father? That's a title for God, sitting in the temple of God, calling himself God, the Holy Father, and calling himself the Vicar of Christ. The Vicar of Christ is the Holy Spirit. Christ said he would send another advocate, another substitute and it's the Holy Spirit. So who calls themselves the Vicar of Christ or the Holy



Father? Only the pope and that's what Paul speaks about in 2 Thessalonians 2. Read it for yourself and it's frightening.

Greg. Yeah, it is frightening and it's actually a warning to Christian people who are getting involved in an ecumenical system, that this is the reason why it's important, Richard, it's because God has spoken on the subject. This is just not wild speculation complaining about one denomination versus the other. The very written word of God addresses this issue and I just wanted to take a moment to read from the Revelation 17:3-6, and this is a vision that the Apostle John was given by God. It says, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." And you know, just as you saw this imagery in real life while you were in Rome, Richard, what the individual can do today just if you'll go onto Google, go into the search engine and type in "scarlet and purple," and click images and you will see exactly what Richard has seen back in 1962 at the very beginning of this massive ecumenical movement that is sweeping across the nation and the world.

And John also had a vision and it was a warning, it was a warning to people in chapter 18, verses 4 and 5, and John said, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." You know, this is the reason why we need to understand the ecumenical movement. It's not just a simple emotional thing that you want to do with your friends and colleagues involved in, you know, large outreach events where churches unite. It is where this road is leading and it's leading to judgment and God is calling you as a Christian person to come out from among them. You don't want to receive her plagues.

Video clip of Francis Chan.

Francis Chan. Man, these guys are crazy. They don't care about the word of God, they don't know the word of God, and, man, I even saw an old video I made once of just mocking a person who was led by the Spirit, and while my theology has changed over the years, I never, I never just repented of that and came before God and said, "I'm so sorry. These were your sons and daughters and I just mocked them and in my arrogance thought that I was better than them, and that I knew more than them." I'm not saying it's wrong to have theological differences because who knows who's right, and I'm not on the other side now mocking the other people. I'm just saying that there was an arrogance in me, there is an arrogance in me and I hate it. There's times where I just feel like I know better whether it's with my theology or it's the way I practice ministry, or whatever it is, I just

know there's still just this gross like, it's just like I can think better than you, or I understand something better than you, and man, I just, I just was on my knees saying, "God, I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry."

It's not like a, it's not like a little sin, You know, big deal, you know, you caused a little division. Big deal, you talked people away from the gifts of the Spirit. Big deal, you were young, you were this, you were that. No, sin is a big deal, okay? And division in the body is a big big deal, okay? Man, it's not okay. It's not okay if I look at my children, I've got 7 kids, man, I don't want any division in my family. Man, I don't like when, you know, my son mocks my daughter too much. I mean, a little bit's okay, you know? But it's like, "Hey, you're hurting her. You're hurting her. Knock that off." Like as a dad, that's just, I don't want any division in my family and I've been the cause of division.

And again, I am not saying that, oh, my theology is right now or anything else, I'm just saying my heart has not been right, I have been arrogant, I am so arrogant. God, I just want that out of my life. Man, because it's not, unless we repent of this, you know, thinking we're like superior in our intelligence to someone else, because we don't get the love of God.

The Bible says, Ephesians 3, that he wants us to be rooted and grounded in this love of Christ, he goes, but it's to know the love of Christ that's beyond knowing. Can you understand that? He says he wants, Paul's on his knees saying, "God, I want these people to know, to know inside in their inner man the love of Christ which is beyond knowing." It's beyond knowledge. It's not something that someone just, that I can tell you right now, "Well, here's what God did," and your brain just kind of goes, "Okay, I believe it." No, the Bible says it's beyond knowing. It's like something that God does. That's why when Peter finally got it, Jesus even said to him, "Look, flesh and blood didn't reveal that to you. Heaven had to reveal that to you." Like we don't just understand the love of God and accept it and know the love of God because of just study. Absolutely it's through the Gospel but it's not just this thinking, one person talked you into believing and now your mind believes it. He says, "No, it's beyond knowing." And that's why Paul's on his knees and saying, "God, I'm praying, I'm praying that they would know the love of God that is beyond knowing that they may be filled with knowledge, with the fullness of God." Filled with the fullness of God.

You see, there are things that God has to reveal to us that are deeper than thinking and until we repent of our arrogance and thinking we're so intelligent and we just know more than the next guy, man, I think there's just a block in that arrogance. The Bible says he dwells in this high and holy place and also with him who is lowly and contrite in spirit.

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Video clip of Theological Debate with a Roman Catholic Monsignor #1: Anything Goes Faith?

Rob Zins. Okay, so you don't see baptism as essential at all.

Monsignor. I think it is very very important but I can't see condemning to hell all the men and women who have lived since Christ on continents that never even heard of Jesus because nobody preached to them, and I don't feel comfortable with that. When Paul says in Romans, "Where sin did abound, grace did more abound."

Dale. Does that mean other religions such as Islam...

Monsignor. Sure.

Dale. ...and they worship Allah, since they haven't heard about Christ they would still go to heaven?

Monsignor. Yeah.

Dale. Pagan, ah, pagan worshipers also that worship idols and stuff like that that haven't heard about Christ they would...?

Monsignor. [nodding] That are living in good faith....

Dale. ...to their idols?

Monsignor. To whatever.

End of clip.

Video clip of Going to Bed with False Prophets & Idolaters: Ecumenical Chaos.

Rob Zins. So you make an excellent point, Larry, on the idea that faith is a gift of God, and I think that's the door to the ecumenical chaos that we are faced with today. What does true faith find and what does the faith given by God find? Well, in the ecumenical movement that's afoot today and pretty much swallowing up the Western world, the modern ecumenist says true faith finds that the Roman Catholic religion is one avenue to God, maybe fundamental Christianity is another avenue to God, maybe those who are involved in the more liberal denominations of the world, they too have a way to God. So we've got this idea that true faith believes in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God and we're all more or less on our way to heaven, only we have different ways of expressing it.

Larry. It's sort of like universalism.

Rob. Yeah, that's what true faith finds for them, okay? Now what that does is it turns the Bible upside down and backwards. For you to make those kinds of statements, you have to excuse yourself from the revelation of God because you can't possibly back that up or prove that from the word of God. So the ecumenical movement can't take the word of

God seriously. It can take sentiments from the word of God, it can take passages that deal with the nobility of mankind and so forth and so on and a man being made in the image of God, it can take these but it can't take the Gospel.

Larry. But when you come up with a verse like John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father except by me."

Rob. They take the "except by me," true faith they say finds "by me" is, "Thank you, Lord, for the sacraments that you've given to us so that we can find you." Except by me means, "Thank you, Lord, for you are a shining light in the darkness and your example tells us if we follow your example we can make it." The "except by me," true faith they say finds that Jesus was a noble martyr marching onward for a cause that man can emulate.

Larry. So in other words, they fall exactly into the trap Peter talked about in 2 Peter 3:16 where he says that some things that Paul has written, some epistles are hard to understand which the unstable twist to their own destruction. So they're falling right into that because they're not looking at the Bible hermeneutically to take it for what it's actually trying to say, but they're twisting it to try to make it say something it's not saying but to fit into their ecumenical doctrine of this unity of all these different religions.

Rob. No man goes to the Father except by me? Alright, we're not disagreeing with you. We have Jesus. We've got him. Mormons have Jesus. JW's have Jesus. Catholics have Jesus. The Muslims have Jesus in some sense. So they just simply expand what it means "by me or through me," and then he becomes a wax nose to be shaped anyway that they want to.

Larry. That's right. Completely forgetting that I believe the Scripture verse is 2 Corinthians 11:4, if my memory, here's 2 Corinthians 11....

Rob. Another Jesus.

Larry. ...verse 4. Let's see if I can find it here real quick. Yeah, here it is, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." You know how they complicate everything from the Scriptures like John 14:6, they totally complicated that to try to get out of what it was simply saying. Verse 4, "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." So he's condemning them for accepting another Jesus, another spirit, another Gospel, and if you can do that, well, then the skies the limit. You can just believe anything you want.

Rob. That's right and that's essentially where we are. We are at the point, I think, in this nation where, we'll get into the Evangelicals in a minute and what they've done, but in our nation it's if you can walk, chew gum and say Jesus, you're going to heaven because it's the Jesus of your own making, the Jesus of your imagination, who you want Jesus to

be, the kind of Jesus that you can appreciate, the kind of Jesus you can put in your back pocket, the kind of Jesus you can carry around with you.

Larry. It's a false idol.

Rob. It's a false idol with the name of Jesus. And so when you separate Jesus from the revelation of Jesus in the New Testament and then you set him up on your dresser, he becomes the Jesus of your own making, does he not, and he becomes an idol to be worshiped, does he not? So you are infatuated with the Jesus of your own imagination. So we say to Rome, you've got Jesus all over the place hanging on a cross from every rosary and big time in your buildings, but it's not the Jesus of Scripture, it's not the Jesus of God's revelation.

Larry. It's a fake Jesus.

Rob. It's a fake Jesus and Roman Catholics just bristle at this and they say, "Who do you think you are telling us who Jesus is and what he has come to do and what we should....?"

Larry. You know what's interesting too is, and of course, we've got a playlist on our YouTube channel page CAnswersTV that covers the occult, ufo's, spiritism, Satan, you know, demonic activity, and you'll be amazed when you study, you know, the occult, how many people who are supposedly in communication with these avatars and spirit guides, how many of these spirit guides say their name is Jesus. It's quite interesting about that when you study the occult. The demonic forces love to use the name Jesus and make people think they're talking to Jesus.

Rob. Exactly.

Larry. It's just a fake Jesus the demons are using.

Rob. So Christians historically have been men and women of the book and it's a tough book, and you know, understand what I'm saying by that. To be a responsible Bible expositor, to be a responsible expegete of the Scriptures, to take the Scriptures as a whole and to study them and put them together and to harmonize the passages, to harmonize the message to let God's revelation emerge and then to live it out in your life, that is not a one night stand, brother. This is ongoing and it's fruitful and it's rewarding but it's also absolutely necessary because as, what's the motto of your ministry again out of 2, is it 2 Peter?

Larry. Oh, 1 Peter 3:15.

Rob. Which says?

Larry. "Every man an answer."

Rob. Yes, give every man an answer.

Larry. "For the hope that lies within you."

Rob. How are you going to do this unless you are a man or a woman of the book? You can make up answers or you can pull things...

Larry. And that's what Jesus said was important. This word of God is what you go by and people aren't doing it, they're trading it for every kind of other thing there is. Now we're starting to get low on time here in this show and I want to cut to the chase which I mentioned would come up pretty fast, but that was a long time ago.

Rob. Yeah, alright, go ahead.

Larry. Basically in Roman Catholicism they start out with the sacrament of baptism and I mentioned it before, that that's how you get born-again, but really to cut to the chase of this, we're talking not about a physical act of sprinkling water on some baby's head, you become a Christian by a supernatural act of God where God indwells you with his Holy Spirit like it says in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, it says that our bodies have become the temple of the Holy Spirit and Jesus said in those passages there, I think it was John 14 and so forth, about sending the Comforter. So what we're talking about is a supernatural act of God in the heart of some lost sinner where he is regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit and he becomes a child of God. It reminds me of Acts 13:48 where those that were ordained to eternal life believed.

Rob. Right, and then it becomes a question of if that does happen to a person, what does the person look like after that happens? What does the person believe after that happens? What are his priorities? What is his base of operations? What is his worldview, so forth and so on? And as we study Scripture and we see what God does inside of people, the sanctification process, the elimination of the desires to sin and sin continually in a person's life, the desire to worship, the desire to pray, the desire to get to know God through his word, all of that....

Larry. ...comes from that supernatural act of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rob. Right.

Larry. You see, this is what everybody is missing in this ecumenical chaos, they are missing this because Jesus right away refutes that whole ecumenical idea when he said in John 6, remember he lost most of his disciples. He even had to ask his 12, "Are you going to leave me too?" But anyway and John 6 he's saying, "Look, no man can come to me unless it is given by the Father." He says it twice in the chapter. Now that's hard doctrine.

Rob. Right, "All that the Father gives me will come."

Larry. If God wants everybody, he would never say that. You see, that's hard doctrine.

Rob. And so to expand on that, all that are given by the Father will come, but my question is what will those given by the Father believe and what will they do with their lives? You see, Roman Catholics they were given by the Father, they were given to Jesus by the Father. A Mormon might say, "I'm given to Jesus by the Father. Of course, I'm given to Jesus by the Father." Well, a Jehovah Witness will come up your driveway and say, "We are given by the Father, in fact, we are one of the very few who are given by the Father. We are given by the Father." And then you have to constantly say, "Look, if you were given by the Father, this is what you would say, what you would believe, this would be a worldview and this is what you would be holding onto, and you're not doing any of that so you're not given by the Father. I don't care what you say, you're not given by the Father." And we take them to the word, and you take them to the word over and over again we take them to the word, and in doing this, Larry, it creates all this friction, friction.

Larry. It does.

Rob. Friction because people want to believe that they are given by the Father, that they are in fact Christians, okay? But they don't exhibit the belief of the Christian.

Larry. What I tell a lot of these people that deceive themselves like that, you know, they're twisting the Scriptures to their own destruction as we already discussed, a lot of times, in fact, I even went into a Christian Science reading room one time and talked to a nice little old lady in there who was telling me that God is everybody, everybody is God, everybody is Christ, and all that and I said to her, is that right? Well, she had a Bible there in the Christian Science reading room so I picked it up and I opened it up to this passage. It says in 2 Thessalonians 2, starting in verse 9 it says, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Verse 11, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." And so I told her, well, if everything is God and that God actually deceiving us so we'll be damned, how does that work into your theology? And of course, that stopped her in her tracks and she didn't know what to do with that, and then I just sat there for another 10 or 15 minutes until she kicked me out, bringing up more Scripture verses she didn't believe in or accept. But you see, right here in the word of God, all these people like you were just now saying, the Mormons, "Oh, I have faith. I believe this." Well yeah, but what if God is deceiving you? If you're deceived by God, then there's no hope for you anyway.

Rob. You're not going to believe.

Larry. Romans 1, God turns people over to a reprobate mind. If you refuse to believe this truth which is only found here in this Bible, then what is God going to do to you? He's going to, you know, I just read it.

Rob. And of course the hard part is to try to get people into the word to show them that what they're believing is, in fact, a bogus belief. That is nearly impossible today because for every guy like you, Larry, who is saying this is a cult, this is a cult, this is a cult, this is a cult...

Larry. Yeah, we've got 19 playlists.

Rob. ...this is a cult, this is a cult, they're going back to their religious leaders and they're saying, "We've got another wacko in Waco." I mean, basically they're saying, "This guy says we're a cult and he's got all these videos up there and he wants us to look at." And they go, "Oh man, you know, there are all kinds of freaks out in the world, you know, you're safe with us." And it's not just the cults who do this. If you went to the Archbishop of Canterbury, if you went to the Church of England today and you said to the governing body of the Church of England, "Y'all have made a terrible mistake. You have endorsed Rome and you are moving slowly but inexorably back toward Rome and you now accept them as brothers and sisters in Christ, you now accept their baptisms as valid baptism, you now accept the Pope at Rome as the Vicar of Christ on earth. You do this now. This is a terrible mistake. It's another Gospel. It's not even Christian, that's antichrist. Their belief system, their practice system, their proclamations about Jesus and God and sin and heaven and hell and so forth, it's all wrong, and you're in there with them, you're in bed with them." What do you think they'd say to you? Another wacko from Waco.

Larry. We're almost out of time on this show. I want to get to this last point in an we've got five minutes left. I want to get this point in pertaining to what you're just saying that all these so-called Evangelicals, for one thing, in fact we've got a video up on YouTube called "87% of so-called Evangelicals do not know what the Gospel is and do not know what justification is." 87% okay, throw that, you throw that statistic into Evangelicalism, that also tells you probably 87% of them aren't real born-again Christians either. So that's one reason they can get into bed with Roman Catholicism because they don't have the Spirit to begin with.

Okay, the next factor involved with that is you have all these Evangelicals that think along the lines of people like John Wesley, Charles Finney. John Wesley was big into Roman Catholic mystics and he himself claimed to be an honest heathen and he was never a real Christian, and this is late in his life. This is what he himself said of himself not just a couple years before he died, he had said earlier in his career but then he said he had this, he was strangely warned, but then later he's saying the same thing again, "I was never, I don't even know this relationship with God." And he believed in a lot of this Christian perfectionism and all that stuff that, you know, we've heard about. And then you've got Charles Finney who was an outright Pelagian. He denied original sin.

Now we've only got a few minutes left so tie that in with 87% of Evangelicals do not know what justification is or the Gospel, and that these Evangelicals are heavily influenced by Wesley and Pelagian Finney. Now for the audience, tell us a little bit more about Pelagianism and Wesley, he was more like works righteousness Arminian.



Rob. I had not heard that about John Wesley, by the way. I had not heard that.

Larry. Yes, we have a video on YouTube that anyone wants to look at. It's got over 20,000 hits while we're sitting here, and it's all documented.

Rob. That's disappointing.

Larry. This is from Wesley himself. So these are the heroes of the Evangelicals, Wesley and Finney.

Rob. Well, Wesley, Finney, Billy Sunday, Billy Graham, Luis Palau, there are many of them, Larry, as you know, and the idea goes back to one central thought and if I can summarize this central thought, it's this: there has been and always been a stream within the idea of Christianity that man controls his own destiny, and that it is all up to man, and that faith is indigenous to mankind. He can exercise faith anytime he wants to and when he does, God is responsible and obligated to save him, but it's always up to man. Man, if he so chooses God, can have God. He can have God today, tomorrow, the next day, it doesn't matter, it's up to him, it resides in him. He doesn't have to be supernaturally born-again to believe, he has everything requisite within him, within his nature, within his power, within his will. He is free to believe. Roman Catholics believe this. The Arminian theologians believe this. The Pelagian theologians believe this and many many of the Evangelicals today are 100% committed to the proposition that salvation resides in the hands of man; that God has done all that he can. Billy Graham is famous for his famous statement, "God is for you, the devil is against you. It's up to you to decide."

Larry. He's the one, by the way, the one that says God does 99.9 and you do .01.

Rob. Right, right. And of course, that's modern history. Historically and according to the theologians of the great Protestant Reformation, and going all the way back to Augustine, no such teaching was ever available to the Christian community. I don't know how much sentiment there was for it among them, there must have been some, but certainly the Bible doesn't present this picture. The Bible presents the picture that God saves sovereignly and man is saved by a supernatural work of God working on the heart of man, and this grace which we call irresistible grace or efficacious grace, is given by God to his elect and they will come to faith, and this is what the faith will look like, it will be a fruit-bearing, it will be a fruit-producing faith that changes the man's worldview, his demeanor, his priorities, his whole life is changed by this. You see, and if you don't believe this, then it's possible that you have all kinds of people out there claiming to be Christians, "I'm a Christian." What makes you think so? "Well, I walked the aisle. I prayed the prayer."

Larry. "I was baptized."

Rob. "I got baptized. How can I not be a Christian?" Well, you cannot be a Christian if your life doesn't evidence it and the evidences that we are talking about are not esoteric, they're not complicated.

Larry. And it's caused by a supernatural act, but we're out of time now. But basically the big divide is supernatural act of God.

Rob. Right, based upon the depravity of man.

Larry. Right, because man is so depraved in his sin, he won't come to the real God.

Rob. Inability of man.

Larry. So God has to, right, God has to drag him as it says in John 6, drag him to the Son. So that's the problem in this ecumenical chaos, you're dealing with people that don't believe in the true sovereignty of God, they think man can do it when that's not the case at all. 2 Thessalonians, I mean 2 Timothy 2:24 through 26 says that if God perhaps grants repentance leading to the acknowledgment of the truth, that they may escape themselves of the devil, the snare of the devil being held captive by him to do his will. In other words, the Scripture says unless God grants you repentance, you're in the snare of the devil and you can believe you're a Christian all day long but that doesn't change the facts. But anyway, it's the supernatural act of God.

End of video clip.

Video clip Dr. James White destroys Francis Chan's teachings.

Dr. James White. There is much to be learned from the video clip that surfaced a couple of days ago from Francis Chan. Now I've never met Francis Chan. My understanding is Francis Chan is a graduate of Master's Seminary. So what? So what? I don't understand why it is that there are still so many people that go, "Well, he went to such and such an institution, therefore..." Therefore what? What does that mean? "Well, he should know this that and the other." Well, look, let's say you go to the best seminary on the planet, most balanced, best professors, the fact is you're going to get out of that experience what you bring into it. There are people that can skate through, there are people who are going to be so distracted with other things they're only going to get a partial understanding of what they're being taught. They may still pass but it may not stick. I mean, most of it depends upon the person, what their specific situation was, etc. etc. The idea that where you go determines your scholarship is just, we've got to get rid of this idea, folks. I mean, we are still honoring graduates of Princeton. Why? All of the Ivy League schools, all the big schools have become ideological brainwashing centers. They're not places where you're taught how to think. They're places where you're taught what to think.

So back to Francis Chan. Just because he went to a good seminary doesn't mean anything. You can have a good education and then the things that happened to you afterwards cause you to move away from that, to move away from where you once were, and that can be a purposeful move on your part, it can be something you don't even realize it is happening. There are lots of different forces that can be behind all of that.

So we've got a short clip to listen to. I want it to be educational for us because these are important issues.

Audio clip.

Francis Chan. Taking of the body and blood of Christ somehow in some real way.

James. Now what's really funny is he's standing outside casually dressed with a music stand and a microphone, and I can see a guitar or something case in the background, and a door in a plain wall. So this is not what I would call a liturgical setting, okay? This is about as casual as you're going to get. But the whole thing is going to be about the body and blood of Christ and that's what he's starting off about.

Francis. Taking of the body and blood of Christ somehow in some real way. Again, I'm not making any like grand statements, I'm just saying some of this stuff I didn't know. I didn't know that for the first 1,500 years of church history, everyone saw it as the literal body and blood of Christ.

James. Okay, that's just simply a wildly false statement. I mean, okay, I don't know Francis Chan. I don't know if he slept through church history class. I don't know if his church history class actually went through a discussion of what the difference between transubstantiation or real presence is, or what real presence would have even been interpreted. Does he understand the influence of Aristotelian categories of accidents and presence, accidents and substance, sorry, in the development of the doctrine of transubstantiation after 1000 AD? Does he even know the development of the pias monstrance, and ciborium and tabernacle in the early medieval period within Roman Catholicism? Does he know that in the early church that consecrated hosts were not kept and were not worshiped? That was a development that comes along at a later point in time. Has he read meaningful documentation that demonstrates the differences of opinion that existed between people like Fulgentius or Cyril, Alexandria or Caesarea? There's so many...anybody who makes this kind of statement is reading a very narrow band of literature that is meant to produce conversion, it's not serious history, but how many Christians have read serious history upon this?

I mean, I was an unusual seminary graduate because I was already involved in apologetics. I was already involved in apologetics. I was already doing debates. Well, no, I actually got, I graduated from Fuller in '89 and I did the first debate in the '90s. But we were already doing the trips up to Salt Lake City, so I already was engaged with Roman Catholicism, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses, so I already knew the importance of church history to all of this stuff, but the vast majority of seminary graduates, the vast majority of Master's Seminary graduates are not going to have any reason while in seminary to be looking carefully at that assertion, that is, was there a universal belief for 1,500 years? Let's ignore Gottschalk and let's ignore Augustine, okay, ignore Augustine is the end of that. There is, you know, Augustine taught directly that the church has been deprived of the physical presence of Christ, so you've got to understand his Eucharistic doctrine within that context. They were not Aristotelians. A spiritual presence of Christ

would be just as real to major portions of the early church, it would be more real than a physical presence would be.

So there's just...it is childishly simplistic to make this kind of statement but I don't know that Francis Chan knows any better. I don't know who speaks into his life. I don't know. But I'm just here to tell you there is so much wrong with that statement that why are you making it? You know, when you repeat that kind of thing, then you end up misleading others in that kind of assertion.

Francis. And it wasn't until 500 years ago that someone popularized a thought that it's just a symbol and nothing more.

James. Okay, that is not even, that's not even an accurate representation of Zwingli's view because Zwingli, again, take a look at the Marburg Colloquy, take a look at any serious discussion amongst the Reformers, at Marburg they agreed on 14 out of 15 points, this was one point, or was it 13 out of 14, this is the one point that they couldn't get to, and you read the actual reports from the discussion and you recognize that Zwingli actually convinced a number of people of his position, but to reduce even Zwingli's memorialist position to nothing more is to do him injustice and to not be being honest with history, and certainly it sounds like what he's saying is that this is what all the Reformers believed. It's not what Calvin believed. It's not what Farrell believed. I mean, we can just go down the road and demonstrate that a bare memorialism which does exist in many Evangelical churches today, is not what the Reformers believed.

And I have criticized not so much on this program because I don't think it's necessarily the function of this program to do this, but I am on record criticizing the Evangelical deemphasis of the Supper long before Francis Chan videos popped up saying something like this, and in fact, if you want clear evidence of that, at the end of 2019, the last about four or five, about four times, I think it was four or five, I forget how many it was, four or five times I preached at church, what did I preach on? The Lord's Supper and I preached specifically first on the biblical teaching from Matthew and 1 Corinthians primarily, and then I went straight through the chapter in the London Baptist Confession of Faith on the Lord's Supper, and if Francis Chan has ever read the London Baptist Confession of Faith on the Lord's Supper, he could never stand there and say what he just said as if you've either got the 1,500 years of the ancient church all agreed, they didn't, and now Protestantism and it's nothing more than a mere memorial and they all agree, which they don't.

I have criticized the deemphasis in Evangelicalism on the Supper. I've criticized when it's simply made something you do out of tradition once a quarter without any explanation of its importance, its meaning, anything along those lines whatsoever. I obviously believe that the local body has the right to determine frequency of observation, issues along those lines. I fully understand the people who, for example, do it once a month and say that weekly is too often, and I hope that those people understand the arguments of people that would say, "No, it needs to be done weekly." I mean, there's certainly an apostolic argument to be made from that, it's pretty obvious in the New Testament it was done

weekly. But that doesn't necessarily mean that it has to be done that way today. I understand what the arguments are, the issue is it has to be taken seriously as one of the two ordinances of the church commanded by the Lord Jesus himself. Almost all of our statements of faith, if we have a statement of faith even long enough to cover it, almost all of our statements of faith make that statement. Baptism and the Lord's Supper need to be understood, need to be seen as central, need to be seen as identifying us. Extremely important stuff.

So if Francis Chan's experience, you see, what happens is when you get an Evangelical... man, I'm really going long on this. I've gotten through 30 seconds of what the guy said. When you have an ahistorical Evangelicalism of whatever form, fundamentalistic, whatever, whatever your eschatology is and such and such, when you get disconnected from history, then you become liable to discovering that there were other perspectives in the past that you've never seen before, and if you're already somewhat dissatisfied with your current experience, all of a sudden, "Oo, that looks neat. That looks cool." You see, we actually set our people up for this kind of conversion syndrome when we don't. You see, the mindset for all of people, I had, I was taught, I was told this when especially toward the end of my Bible college years into seminary when I started realizing just how much broader things were than what I had thought, I had a lot of people tell me, "No, just don't talk about that kind of stuff. That can unsettle people." Well, there's a cost for not unsettling people in the context of faith because, you know, just ask Jehovah's Witnesses, back years ago they could control all the in and the out, all the in and the out. Then television came along, and then videotapes came along, and then the internet came along and now they can't control that, and that has fundamentally changed. They've lost millions, millions with an "m" of people because their entire system was based on the ability to control all the information going in and out. Can't do that and we can't do that either.

So if we don't place, if we do not lead our people to be satisfied with where they are in the choices they've made and the place they stand confessionally, knowledgeably, knowing what the arguments are for pedo-baptism, knowing what the arguments are for differing forms of church government, knowing the best Rome argues, not just the worst, not just the twisted, but the best they have to argue, make them to be an intelligent, knowing, confessional people rather than just people who are afraid to hear any other perspective because it might be different enough that they might go, "Oh," if they're used to listening to other perspectives and critically analyzing them and remaining firm, that's one thing, but if they've never done that, they hear another perspective, you know, if the pastor was mean to them last week, they might go, "Hey, I'm gonna throw all this stuff out and go in this direction." That's what the Emerging Church was, the Emerging Church movement was simply fundamentalists going, "I'm tired of all this. Throw the baby and the bathwater out. Let's put everything back out on the table. The Bible is the word of God, the Trinity. The cross. Let's put it all out there and rethink everything." That's what the Emerging Church was about, which is why it died as well but that's what it was about. Some of you have never even heard of the Emerging Church. It's already pretty much dead but it was a big thing, you know, 15 years ago. So all this to say we

have to, we have to educate our people properly to appreciate truth and to be able to analyze these things in an appropriate fashion.

Francis. I didn't know that. I thought, wow, well, that's something to consider, and while I won't make a strong statement, I will make a statement about this...

James. By the way, saying that everyone for 1,500 years believed X, when you're wrong about that is a strong statement. You might, if you're trying to say, I'm not going to make strong statements, you already are. You already are and you are in error about it.

Francis. It was at that same time that for the first time someone put a pulpit in the front of the gathering because before that it was always the body and blood of Christ.

James. So what he's saying is... Well, I'm sorry, let me see if he made, there was a statement he made. Let me back it up just a second.

Francis. Body and blood of Christ that was central to their gatherings. For 1,500 years, it was never one guy and his pulpit being the center of the church.

James. There it was. Okay, one guy and his pulpit. Okay, I don't know if less than 1% of the audience today, less than 1% of the audience today will remember, what was that guy's name? Oh, anyway, I think we covered at Radio Free Geneva, the guy was a rabid anti-Calvinist. Rabid, and I rabid. Not rabbit, rabid anti-Calvinist and he came out with a video about how bad R. C. Sproul was because at R. C. Sproul's church which R. C. designed, the pulpit was not in the center. If I recall, from the pulpit side it's on the right-hand side, from the people's side I think it's on the left-hand side if I recall correctly. Now if you go into, for example, I was just in the Cathedral in down inside of Sydney in Australia and most, if... okay, look at the videos from the Anglican church that we've done two or three debates in in Durban, South Africa. You'll see the same thing there, the ones with Yusuf Ismael. You'll see two pulpits, one is generally on the left is where the preaching is done from, the one on the right is where readings are done from generally. If you look at the church, I think it was also, was it Australia? Oh man, which trip was that? Anyways, I did some videos with some guys, where was I? I know I was overseas but I'm not thinking it was Australia, I'm thinking it was somewhere in Europe. Anyway, we recorded in a small church but again, I was on the right, from the audience side I was on the right-hand side and the pulpit was on the left-hand side but there was a lectern on the right-hand side, and so what this demonstrates to me anyways is Francis Chan hasn't been around a whole lot to realize that that's not a universal type thing.

Secondly, when you say for 1,500 years, again, Christians couldn't even build churches until sometime in the second century, then only rarely. There was no absolute consistency of architecture of anything that we can even safely assume was built to be a Christian church until after the time of Constantine, and what you do need to recognize is that there was a massive shift in the Reformation that reflects the early church. There is a reason why John Chrysostom was called John Chrysostom. Do you know what John Chrysostom means? Chrysostom means golden mouth, golden tongued, golden mouth and so on. He

was a preacher and that meant oral preaching, and there were a number of men in the early church that were known for that, but something major happened. If you know something about church history, this is again where we've got to learn church history, people, there was something called the fall of Rome and with the end of the Pax Romana, the peace of Rome, travel became much more difficult. When you have a peaceful period with great control as you had under the Romans, you had a large amount of freedom and hence you had freedom of travel, hence freedom of commerce, education, literature. When Rome falls, travel becomes extremely dangerous and rare, so much so that by the medieval period, by 1100, the average person in Europe never travels more than seven miles any one direction from where they are born. Their experience of the world is extremely small and this is why they envisioned the biblical stories when you see them painting about David, he's riding a horse in armor with his knights because that's all they knew. They had never been to the holy land. They never knew anyone who had been to the holy land. The Crusades started changing some of that when people would actually come back and say, "Hey, things are a lot different over there." But the point is that with the fall of Rome, you enter into a period of time where literacy declines greatly and learning declines greatly. Then you have only two centuries later the rise of Islam and the loss of major Christian centers. Carthage, North Africa which had been Christian areas, are no longer Christian areas, at least as far as the majority of the people there.

So this does bring a fundamental change to Christian worship. Well, there are numerous things that bring fundamental change to Christian worship. These are external things that make a fundamental change. The rise of a concept of an external tradition makes a huge difference. The rise of allegorical interpretation shuts out the Old Testament from having any meaningful impact, a part of the development of Christian theology in many instances. And you put all this together and by the lowest point in the medieval period, the proclamation of the Gospel has become a minor side element being done by a rather un-learned man to even more un-learned men, which gave rise to the stained glass window. Those were ways of communicating the Gospel story because you're talking to people who can't read. They don't have the Scriptures. They're not encouraged to have the Scriptures any longer. That is controlled by the Church. It's in a language that most people can't read. Remember what happened to Wycliffe when he wanted to translate the Bible into English, a vulgar tongue? They eventually dug up his bones, burned them and threw them into the river Swift.

So you have all sorts of contextual issues, the rise of tradition, the diminishment of the centrality of the preaching of the Gospel, the issue of illiteracy, all of these things do lead in the Reformation to a radical change following after Wycliffe and Hus. Luther has a massive emphasis upon the provision of the Scriptures in the language of the people to the people, and the centrality of the preaching of the whole counsel of God from Scripture. You can thank Luther for that. Now Luther does not, as a result, have a diminishment of the importance of the Supper but there is a refocusing away from the massive abuses of the altar that especially became introduced at the fourth Lateran Council in 1215. But 200 years before that with the rise of the doctrine of transubstantiation, you do have a much needed correction in the refocusing upon the preaching of the Scriptures and the word of God.

But this is a simplistic, "Oh, everybody back then, it was the body and blood that was the center." No, it was the priest. I mean, if you really knew Roman Catholic theology in the period prior to the Reformation, then you would know the focus was on the priest. The people didn't even get to partake except of the bread. The wine had been removed from them because of the doctrine of transubstantiation, it was too easy to spill God. The priest was partaking in the wine in the part of the people, as their representative up at the altar where an alter Christus was making Christ present upon the altar as a re-presentation, an unbloody sacrifice. That's what had developed by the time of the Reformation and that is a blasphemy against the finished work of Christ. It truly is. It remains that way. In fact, today I don't see how Francis could actually believe that. I don't think he has a worldview to actually believe what historic orthodox Roman Catholicism actually teaches about what he himself is doing when he holds up that wafer. That's another fascinating thing.

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What?

James. John Modine. 2006, John Modine. Man, I remember him. Oh wow, that was a fire breather.

[unintelligible]

James. So just look up John Modine on our... J-o-n. Jon Modine. You'll find the old, were we even videotaping back then? No, we weren't videotaping back then so it's just audio but you can, I think we did a Radio Free Geneva. Yeah, I think it was Radio Free Geneva. But anyway, yeah, Jon Modine. He was going after R. C. Sproul because of where you put the pulpit. Not what's preached from the pulpit. The pulpit has to be in the center. Okay, you know, but is that really Francis Chan's universal experience? He wasn't in Jon Modine's circles. Yeah, no, I don't think so.

This is only a three minute clip. This is going to take you forever to edit this one. Sorry about that.

Francis. It was the body and blood of Christ and even the leaders just saw themselves as partakers.

James. No, they didn't. No, they didn't. You do not understand alter Christus. Do not understand the Roman Catholic Eucharistic theology here at all because, again, if this guy is going toward Eastern Orthodox that's a different thing, but he's the one who introduced the Reformation as a dividing line, and from the Eastern Orthodox perspective, that's just the division between all the people that split off from the true church anyways. So...

Francis. Oh man, we're not worthy, we're not worthy, we're not worthy. I say that because the church is more divided than at any time in history. What does this book tell us clearly? That he does not want any divisions in his church. and for...



James. Okay, are you ready, are you ready for the big numbers? Because we've been hearing this forever.

Francis. ...1,000 years there was just one church, did you know that? We're so used to growing up in a time where literary there are over 30,000 Christian denominations right now.

James. There you go. I'm not even going to stop.

Francis. For the first thousand years, there was just one. What was interesting is...

James. The first thousand years, there was just one. So doesn't that sound great? Everybody could just get along, there were no divisions. You just don't know nothing about church history, you can say that. I, wow. There was no Donatist Controversy. There were not 700 Donatist churches in North Africa. Nope, they were not there. All those divisions you had over persecution in the early church and stuff, no, nothing, it was nothing. Again, like I said when John Paul II died, we got this massive revision of history, these glowing, they just sit there and just go, all you've got to do is go over to the shelf and read any volume of Schaff's history of the church and, but you're not reading that stuff, are you, or you're in some honeymoon phase of some kind of weird conversion experience or something. I don't know.

Francis. Communion was at the center of the room every time they gathered and it wasn't a pulpit where a guy preached.

James. Yes, yes there was, it was just not in the center.

Francis. After studying in his office by himself for 20 hours...

James. Is there something wrong about.. Now when you say studying by yourself, that's probably meant to be me and my Bible alone under the trees. Again, it just seems, forgive me but I've spent too much time with people who swum the Tiber of the Bosphorus, I've heard it all before, I've seen the end result. The end result is always bad, really really really bad, okay? And so I've heard this stuff before and the idea is it's just, you know, you're reinventing the wheel. Hey, what a wonderful thing if there are men who really do take 20 hours to prepare a meaningful, researched, sound sermon. But if you're going to do that, you're not going to do that "alone," you're going to be standing on the shoulders of giants. If you sit in your office, what are you going to be accessing? Well, I hope you're starting unlike what some people say, I hope you're starting with meaningful honest exegesis, but who do you depend upon when you do that? Well, there are lexicographers and there are people who have done all this work to provide you with this tremendous insight into the original languages of the text and stuff like that, but you're eventually going to go to commentaries, you're eventually going to avail yourself of the wisdom of those in the past, and in the process you're going to discover that on almost any passage of Scripture you're looking at, there are going to be people who have taken

different perspectives, and so you're going to have to make decisions. There's something wrong with this? It sounds to me like Francis Chan is saying there's something wrong with this. What are you supposed to do, just simply reread John Chrysostom's sermons? There are worse but he wasn't perfect by any stretch of the imagination. So what are you supposed to do? You know, what is the idea here? Hard to say.

Francis. You see, right now we've got guys like me that go in a room, study, you know, that's what I was doing for years, meanwhile other guys went in their rooms and studied and then we started all giving different messages, so many contradicting each other.

James. Now this sounds to me, again, I know what he's reading and what he should be saying is we were so often influenced by things outside of the Scripture, because presuppositionally what's at the bottom of what's being said? That the study of Scripture will only lead to massive confusion when the reality is the more consistent your study of Scripture is, the closer the conclusions everybody comes to. The more you use external sources, the wider the areas of disagreement become. If this guy hasn't seen, Francis, you know, if someone points you to this, if you haven't seen, please, go talk to some Roman Catholic priests in southern Mexico, some of the old-time priests in Spain, go talk to my friend Peter J. Williams with whom I debated indulgences in Ireland just year before last, or was it May? I think it was May of '17. May of '18, yeah May of '18, I think. Maybe it was May of '19. I don't know. Can't keep track of these things. Go talk to Peter J. Williams, then go to, well, most of the popes, most trusted bishops and cardinals, go to Boston College, talk to the priests there. You will find a much wider variation of theology and worldviews between those men than you will find in any of the, and there aren't 30,000, but any of the 500 meaningful Protestant denominations that still believe in Sola Scriptura. There is the key because once you abandon Sola Scriptura, then, you know, you're at Union Theological Seminary. But the fact is professing Sola Scriptura results in a considerably more narrow range of interpretation and teaching than believing in the infallibility of the Roman magisterium because if you can't tell the difference between what Francis teaches and what any Pope 50 years taught, well, no, 60 years ago taught, you're missing it. It's as obvious as the day is long. But there was in that statement, there was an underlying shot at scriptural sufficiency.

Francis. A person say, "I follow Piper, I follow Chan, I follow," you know, it's just like everyone is following different guys. I'm just saying, I believe there was something about taking communion out of the center of the church and replace it with a gifted speaker. Not that that gifted speaker is not a part of the body of Christ and a gift to the body of Christ, but the body itself needs to be back in the center of the church. You guys, I've been dreaming about this. I've been praying about this. Man, I would love it if one day in our country here in the US, people understood the body of Christ, that they were just a part of it and they got excited to gather and partake of the body and blood of Christ and they celebrated together and that's why we gathered.

James. Okay, and that's the end of it. That was the clip. I'm sure there was more to that. Look, no matter how you respond to something like this, you end up having to focus upon the negatives. One of the really bad aspects of social media and our ability to

communicate and we're communicating that way right now, even though we tend to go a little bit longer, we're not so much sound clips. I mean, how long have I gone? We're at, how long are we right now, do you know?

[unintelligible]

James. About an hour? Okay. We tend to require you to have a little bit longer attention span, but one of the negative things is that we tend to focus only upon the negative. The tendency of human nature is for us to loathe to recognize when someone we want to disagree with us says something that's true. The result is we end up disagreeing with things we shouldn't be disagreeing with in the first place. Is it true that there has been a diminishment in the position of the Lord's Supper in many Protestant churches? It is. Is it true that many Protestant churches have superstars as the preacher and the person becomes more important than the message? Yep. I think a lot of that is just cultural. I don't know if that's purposed. For some people it's very purposeful. For false teachers and people making money off of all of this just because they want to be, you know, for the Kenneth Copeland's of the world, remember two years ago when that reporter caught him in his vehicle and the demon snuck out for a second? You know, it was like, ew, wow. It was scary, but those folks, okay, I get. I understand. But so is it true that there is a danger of losing biblical balance with superstar culture? No one could argue that one either. Is it true that there seems to be far more desired to divide than to unite? Yep. Where does that come from? Partly simply because there are just a lot of people that don't even understand grace that call themselves Christians, but on the proper side of things, we live in a day of so much, not so much more error than ever in the past but because of the availability of communication, so much more knowledge of how many errors there are and people promoting those errors that as a result we have to be extremely focused upon discerning what is error and then finding that line. It's one thing to say I think that this person over here is in error on the subject of baptism such that I could not be a part of the same church, does not then mean, and therefore I have to send that person to hell. There is where the problem lies.

So there are numerous things where you could go in a particular context, yeah, that's true, but there are fundamental issues that cannot be compromised. We have to have a clear understanding of what those are and we can't just automatically assume, and this is what a lot of Francis Chan's former classmates would I think assume, and that is if you're willing to compromise there, then I'm going to suspect that you've gone on this and that and the other thing, and you're already gone so I'm just going to separate from you immediately. If Francis Chan is received into the Eastern Orthodox Church or the Roman Catholic Church, I will mourn yet another person who has shown that they never fully understood what it meant to rest in the imputed righteousness of Christ because both of those communions do not rest in the imputed righteousness of Christ, they deny the imputed righteousness of Christ. I will need to say there are strands of Eastern Orthodoxy that would allow for it. It would be unusual. I'm just saying, but the fact is the imputed righteousness of Christ is a doctrine defined in Western thinking and this is why I say building with Orthodoxy is just so difficult because they don't think in that way and therefore things can happen that you don't expect to happen. Anyway, if he makes that

move, then you treat him as an individual who once made a profession of faith X and now is saying not X. But until then, there is no reason to, there is much reason to question where Francis Chan is going and his wisdom, but there's also still reason to pray for him and not to do the you've already gone. Pray for him, exhort him, correct his errors, direct him to sound information, warn him, "This looks like where you're going and that's a bad place to end up and that's going to separate you from the Gospel."

End of video clip.

Larry. So the false prophet is going to get his due from God, his wrath from God on Judgment Day but then the people that follow such a person, they're going to end up the same way.

Now we're virtually out of time now so I'd like you to make any final comments since time limits about what you have to say about Francis Chan in this matter.

Rob. Well, I don't like the idea of Francis Chan at all based upon how he treated Mike Gendron. I think that is deplorable. If he didn't want him as a speaker, he should have researched Mike. Mike has videos up on YouTube. Mike has a fine website where all it takes is a cursory review of his website and you know exactly what he's going to say. So it's a little bit disingenuous but I'm picking up on something you said that this fellow is more concerned with the faces of clay than the truth of God, which seems to me the start of the downfall of many a man. If you're worrying about what people think of you and if you're trying to build a reputation and you want more followers, then if you're not strongly wedded to the word of God, you're going to fail the word of God. You're going to absolutely be swayed more by the people than you will be by the word of God, and you won't have enough internal fortitude, you won't have enough perseverance to persevere through the people who will dislike what you say when you speak the truth.

So without knowing more about him, it sounds like he's weak and he's looking for prominency and I have had exposure to this sort of thing in my life before too. I was with the Luis Palau crusade when he first came out as an international evangelist. Many said that he would be the Billy Graham of South America. In talking with Luis Palau after a conference in Newcastle, Australia, I was very concerned that he and his team had planted people in the audience to stand up at a certain point in his message and began to walk forward. I said, "Why did you do that?" And he said, "Well, that's called psychological persuasion. It's much easier for people to stand up and come forward if somebody else is doing it and I don't see anything wrong with that." And I said, "Well, actually I see a lot wrong with that because if a person stands up because he sees somebody else walking forward, that means he's not moved by the Spirit of God...."

Larry. That's right.

Rob. "...he's moved by following the crowd." And then of course when they all came down in front, Luis was convinced by the fact of their gathering in front of him that they were in fact true Christians, and he welcomed them to the kingdom of God. And then the

third thing that he did was just deplorable to me, I didn't last long with him, was he sent them back to the church that they were involved in.

Larry. So if it was a Roman Catholic Church, right back there.

Rob. If it was a Roman Catholic Church, he'd send them right back.

Larry. That's what Billy Graham did, even worked with the Pope and the rest of them that way.

Rob. But how are you going to build a huge crowd unless you compromise somewhere? In today's atmosphere, I'm telling you, you will have very little audience if you speak the truth. You don't have to be abrasive, you don't have to be cruel, you don't have to pound your fist and be a Bible thumping...

Larry. Wingnut.

Rob. ...maniac up there who's screaming, all you have to do is just quietly, forcefully, cogently, intelligently speak the truth of the Gospel and I can pretty much guarantee you that you'll find resistance, quite a bit of it as a matter of fact. And that's why we have the burgeoning millennial mega churches. We've got, and I won't...

Larry. It's based on emotions instead of scriptural truths and the power of the Holy Spirit to bring people. You see, we don't worry about whether people like us or not or whatever, we're just trying to present the truth of the word of God and we depend on the Holy Spirit to deal with people. We don't have to manipulate them like Charles Finney and all this crazy stuff that he did to try to get crowds. We've got a video on him, by the way, if anyone wants to check that out. It seems like these days I've got a video on almost everything. But anyway, go ahead.

Rob. One of the Reformers said, "Lord, make me stubborn when I'm right," because he knew what was coming. And there are buildings housing people when they come in, ostensibly it's an Evangelical meeting of some sort, I guess, because the names of the churches you don't know what they are because we've got Elevation Church, we've got Highest Desire Church, we've got all these churches with strange names, you know, like Final Hope Church and all this, and you don't know where they're coming from. But essentially beware if they hand you earphones to block the sound when you come in because some of the decibel levels are higher than a jet airplane inside these places with the rock bands.

Larry. Oh, wow. Wow. Wow.

Rob. And they warn you walking in.

Larry. Is that right?

Rob. Yeah, this could be dangerous to your ears. Would you like earmuffs to put on to help block the sound? I think that's the first indication that you should get back into the parking lot and maybe look for a church that is centered upon the word of God.

Larry. Yeah, they should hand out instead of earphones, they should hand out tracts to say, "Warning, this place is not biblical, it's not Sola Scriptura, it's ecumenical." But of course, they're not going to do that.

Rob. No, they're not going to do that.

Larry. They're just looking for numbers.

Rob. I'm just hearing so many bad reports about the millennial's and I'll just share with you, I know we're out of time now but I attended a strong Evangelical church, I won't name it but the pastor/teacher gave a message and in the middle of the message he put up a citation, a quote from Barna poll, and the quote went something to the effect that 40% of millennial Evangelicals believe it is wrong to evangelize people of another faith, and he let it go. He didn't comment on it. He didn't say anything about it and I think I mentioned this to you last time. He didn't have a word about that poll about that percentage. He just used it as an example of how Christians need to get back on track. You know, just think 100 years ago if somebody had put that poll up, everybody in the audience would have said, "Well, they're not Christians." Of course they're not. Maybe 50 years ago people would have said, "Well, they may call themselves Christians but they're not Christians." How on earth can a Christian believe that it's wrong to evangelize a person of another faith? How can that be a Christian? What does he believe? Jesus Christ is a way, a truth and a life, and no one will go to the Father without somebody sort of like Jesus. They'd have to change the whole Bible.

Larry. That's right, that's right, because it's everywhere. You preach to the whole world and preach the Gospel.

Rob. And it sounds like this guy is well on his way from what you said

Larry. Oh yeah, he's trying to become it looks like another Benny Hinn or Mike Bickle or all these heretics we covered in our blasphemous Pentecostal and charismatic series that I've already advertised in this video. So I guess what we're saying is just beware of this man. We'll have some more on some of the other heretics but these are the guys making the big money because they talk to the world. They are man-pleasers. They want to just get people rubbed the right way but if they find anyone that's telling the truth like your friend Mike Gendron, he's also done a video for us, by the way, if you want to check that out, it's a great video, but he's telling the truth and they throw him out. But if you're lying and you're a heretic, well, then you're all right.

Rob. I'm going to suggest that at some point you have a video, alright, and the video is based upon the Apostle Paul's reaction to false teachers and what he has to say about them, because sometimes, you know, people look at us and they say, "Good night, could

you soften your approach a little bit? Can you mix it with a little bit more loving attitude?" And then you realize the stakes are so high if you're not correct, to the point, even blunt sometimes, they don't get it. And the Apostle Paul was direct, to the point and he was blunt.

Larry. It's interesting you said that because, you know, I have right at the moment we're videotaping this I've got over 750 posted videos to the public on our YouTube channel CANSWERS TV, and I'm the guy that has to answer all these comments that come in on all these videos, and I have had so many comments over the years that are just like you mentioned. "Can't you tone it down? Can't you do...?" All this, and I've already got a pat answer I've created years ago that has all the Scripture references with Paul and Jesus, particularly Jesus in Matthew 23.

Rob. There you go.

Larry. The Lord himself, no holds barred. He lets them have it.

Rob. They're not pulling any punches. Right square between the eyes.

Larry. And I've got that and every time I get one of those comments, I'm ready to go. I pull it off my computer memory, stick it in there, copy and paste, bang, and then they're getting the words of Jesus, Paul and the rest of them from those Old Testament fiery prophets to put it right in there to show them whatever they're believing, it isn't coming from this Bible I'm reading.

Rob. There was an old Evangelist who went out to California, was invited by a group of churches to preach the Gospel. He spent the first three nights preaching the law of God, all right? Finally everybody is getting a little bit worried about this guy, so a committee came to him and said, "We invited you out here to preach the Gospel." And his response was, "When I came out here, I thought maybe there are not enough people saved, maybe that's why they invited me out here. But as soon as I got here, I realized that's not the problem, the problem is nobody's lost. Would you just please let me get them lost first and then we'll see if God will save a few." And then a woman came up to him and said, "You know, you can attract a few more bees if you use a little bit more honey." And he looked at her in the said, "Ma'am, I'm not trying to attract bees, I'm trying to kill men. I'm trying to kill men." I'll never forget that. What he meant, I'm killing them with the truth. They need to die. They need to die.

Larry. They need to see the danger, the danger of the wrath of God because they're at ease in Zion thinking they're okay when they're not okay at all.

Rob. No, and this guy is not going to tell them the truth.

Larry. That's right, Francis Chan, false prophet. Stay away from him. Alright, with that, brother, thanks again for being with us.

Rob. My pleasure, Larry.

Larry. I love it when you're here. So thank you, folks, out there for watching us. I'm Larry Wessels of Christian Answers of Austin, Texas, Christian Debater. Join us again for another program of Christian Answers Presents and remember Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father except by me," and that's in John 14:6, and that in itself is an exclusive statement that can cause a lot of trouble among people because when you're ecumenical and you want to be nice and a man-pleaser to everybody, Jesus was not that way, that's one of the reasons why he was crucified. He wasn't pleasing everybody, he wasn't pleasing the world, he was just telling people the truth and they got mad and mad enough to kill him, and a lot of the apostles and prophets also. So stick to the word of God, stick to the real Jesus of the Bible, and you'll be pleasing God rather than men.

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